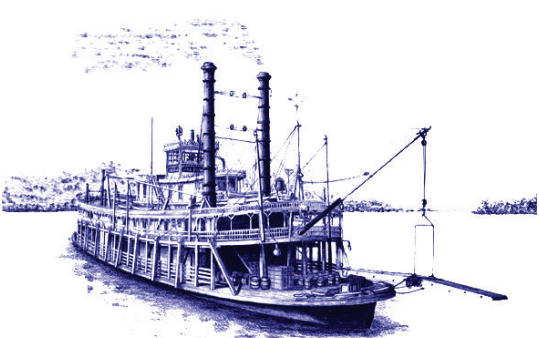




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Challenge takes candidate off ballot for delegate

BY BOB DEMAREE
A candidate filing for Republican convention delegate was unanimously denied Monday by the Jefferson County Election Board after the candidate chose not to challenge it.
Cathy Hale had filed her candidacy for Republican State Convention Delegate but was challenged by Jefferson County Republican Party Chair Pam Crozier for not being a Qualified Primary Republican.

To be a Qualified Primary Republican, candidates must have cast a Republican Party ballot at the two most recent primary elections in Indiana, and be a Republican in Good-Standing. The definition of Republican in Good-Standing is a Republican who supports Republican nominees and does not actively or openly support another candidate against a Republican nominee.
County Clerk Tabatha Eblen

said Hale came in her office Thursday and told her “she didn’t want to fight it, she didn’t know that was a rule and that since it is the rule, she didn’t want to contest the challenge.” In spite of that, the hearing still had to take place and the Election Board had to vote to take her off the ballot for the May primary.
Eblen stated that Hale had only voted once in the Republican primary, which was 2022,

not twice consecutively in the last two primaries as required, and that she had voted in the Democratic primary election before that.
John Rust, who has filed as a Republican for Indiana U.S. Senate, is currently challenging the State of Indiana’s requirement for political party voting in two consecutive primaries. Last week the Indiana Supreme Court stayed a lower court ruling that would allow Rust to

run for the U.S. Senate seat as Republican. The stay put the ruling on hold and allows members of the public to challenge Rust’s candidacy.
Eblen said the convention delegates operate under different requirements than those running for governmental offices. “GOP and the Democrats can do their own rules within the delegate rules. The way that it was

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Film on Ohio River showcases its beauty, history



An aerial view of the Ohio River west of Louisville heading towards Owensboro, Kentucky.

Handout

Free screening will be Saturday at Richwood on the River

BY BOB DEMAREE
There is one common tie among the local communities in southern Indiana and northern Kentucky in that the Ohio River is a defining part of each of them.
On Saturday, there will be a free screening of the one-hour documentary, “This is the Ohio,” at Richwood on the River, 1233 Kentucky 36, Milton, Kentucky, that showcases the history and beauty of the Ohio River.
Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the film’s showing at 7 p.m. Register for a seat by visiting www.kwalliance.org/events.
“I traveled 981 miles, from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Illinois, with several things in mind,” said Morgan C. Atkinson, the filmmaker of the documentary. “I questioned the river’s true iden-



tity. I asked, ‘Is it solely a commercial highway essential to the economic well-being of the United States? Or is it a natural wonder providing incredible opportunities for recreational users? How about its status as America’s second most endangered waterway?’ I found the answers to be in all of the above.”
Atkinson, a Louisville-based filmmaker, writer and producer, is very familiar with the Ohio River in this area. In 2012, he was writer and producer of the documentary, “Wonder: The Lives of Anna and Harlan Hub-

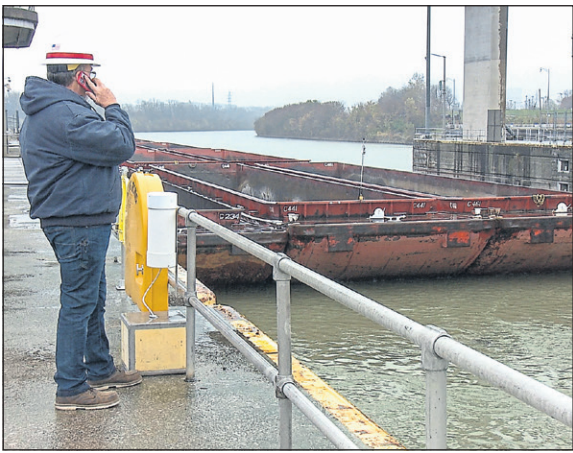


John H. Nation

Filmmaker Morgan Atkinson on canoe interviewing Frances Mennone of the Ohio River Way, an organization that works across state and local boundaries for a vibrant, healthy and prosperous region along the river.

bard.” The Hubbards were known for their simple lifestyle, living at Payne Hollow on the shore of the Ohio River in Trimble County from 1951 until their deaths more than 35 years later.

“It was one of my favorite projects because they were such an amazing couple,” he said.
The Ohio River plays an integral role for all the communities in this area that are along its



Handout

Lockmaster Jay Rickman monitoring a barge going through the McAlpine Locks and Dam in Louisville.

shores. It’s a source of beauty from Madison’s riverfront, from the Point on the Hanover College campus, from Paul Ogle

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State legislation requires less stringent county septic ordinance

BY BOB DEMAREE
Indiana lawmakers last year overwhelmingly voted in support of legislation that overhauled Indiana’s septic system laws, requiring Jefferson County to adopt a new On-site Sewage Systems Ordinance.
Because of that legislation, Jef-

erson County Commissioners had the first reading of the new ordinance at their meeting Thursday.
The 10-page ordinance, read by County Auditor Heather Huff and Commissioners Administrative Assistant Sarah Morgan, took 38 minutes to read at the end of the Commis-

sioners meeting.
The bill establishing less stringent septic system rules was unanimously passed last year — in the House by a 94-0 vote and in the Senate by a 45-5 vote — and took effect July 1. The new legislation transfers authority over residential onsite sew-

age systems from the Indiana Department of Health to a Technical Review Panel (TRP), made up of various state officials, scientists, academics and industry professionals.
The panel will be in control of Indiana’s septic code, making it responsible for amending the

existing state requirements and authorizing new sewage system technology. Any local health department ordinances that are stricter than the state regulations would be void unless approved by the TRP.

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

February 22, 2023

• Michella Ann Davis, 50, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$5,000 cash.

• Ernest Van McKeand, 27, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

• Robert Van Thornhill, 38, Hanover, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-2 Counts, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond \$500 cash, concurrent.

February 23, 2023

• Loren P. Day, 46, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

• Chad R. Earl, 43, Lexington, Indiana, on a parole hold warrant. No bond.

• John L. Girtley, 43, Louisville, court-ordered sentencing for probation violation, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

• William Tracy Lucas, 48, Louisville, to serve 2 days jail on a weekender sentence. No bond.

• Ashley Dawn Martinez, 30, Hanover, to serve 2 days jail on a weekender sentence. No bond.

• Jeremy Lee Owens, 36, Deputy, Indiana, to serve 2 days jail on a weekender sentence. No bond.

• Alexandria L. Smith, 36, Milton, Kentucky, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (drug, paraphernalia and false reporting). Bond \$5,000 cash.

• Chad Michael Sumler, 34, Madison, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies; and Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

• Christine Torres, 31, Hanover, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

• Ian Andersen Watkins, 30, New Albany, Indiana, on two Jefferson County warrants for probation violation and on a unspecified warrant to hold for Tennessee. Bond \$10,000 cash.

February 24, 2023

• Pedro Jesus Ortiz, 31, no address listed, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

• Troy Jo Jones, 49, Hanover, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

• Yatisha Faye Scholl, 44, Madison, to serve 1 day jail on a weekender sentence. No bond.

• James Edward Seal, 40, no address listed, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony; Battery-Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor; and Battery, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

February 25, 2023

• Polly Jo Ellis, 54, Madison, to serve 1 day jail on a weekender sentence. No bond.

• Evan Ryan Long, 20, Lexington, Indiana, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant for probation violation. No bond.

• Charles M. Nance, 53, Yoder, Indiana, for Theft, a Level 6 felony, and on a hold for Clark County, Indiana (driving while suspended).

No bond.

• Deanna Lee Wilkins, 43, Jeffersonville, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$250 cash.

February 26, 2023

• James Wesley Terry, 35, Madison, for Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

February 20, 2024

• Thomas Wynn Jr., 47, Lexington, Indiana, for Operating While Intoxicated-Endangering, a Class A misdemeanor, and defendant admits to being Habitual Vehicular Substance Offender. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed and consecutive to 1,460-day enhancement, all suspended but 180 days with no credit for time served. Placed on supervised probation for a consecutive sentence of 1,280 days with first 18 months on home detention plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and license suspended for 2 years.

• Dakota James Cody Schafer, 33, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 40 days jail on each charge, concurrent, served, plus \$639 in fees and court costs.

• Aaron John Vaught, 46, Madison, to an amended charge

of Intimidation, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 3 years at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended but 16 days with credit for 7 days served, balance to be served on consecutive weekends. Placed on 2 years and 349 days supervised probation with one year on home detention plus \$439 in fees and court costs.

• Thomas Wynn Jr., 47, Lexington, Indiana, to Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 18 days served consecutive to prior sentence (listed above) plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

February 23, 2024

• Joshua Lee Johnson, 38, Hanover, to amended charges of Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 2 felony, sentenced to 10 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed; and Armed Robbery, a Level 3 felony, sentenced to 7 years at IDOC, consecutive, with credit for 512 days served plus a combined \$578 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to remain in effect as a term of incarceration and parole.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

February 22, 2024

• Lynette M. Anderson, Donald Ray Marshall Jr., Angela E. Sloan and Donald R. Marshall (deceased) to Lynette M. Anderson, Donald Ray Marshall Jr. and Angela E. Sloan,

approximately 58 acres at 6016 South 850 West, Lexington.

• Joyce A. Rose to Joyce A. Rose and Linda Jo Boruff, 240 Hargan Drive, Madison.

• Matthew J. Forner and Lisa A. Forner to Laura L. Lawson and Daniel Shaffery, 1340 Lockard Street, Madison.

• Sheriff of Jefferson County Ben Flint, Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint, Ben Flint Sheriff Jefferson County, Carlos Casillas Salvador, Nicole L. Casillas Salvador, and Nicole L. Murray to Newrez LLC and Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 1436 Clifty Drive, Madison.

• Donna L. McCue to Patricia A. Griffin and Brien J. Griffin, 911 West Second Street, Madison.

February 23, 2024

• April R. Frieske to April R. Frieske (trustee) and April R. Frieske (living trust), 623 East First Street, Madison.

• Donnie Marshall Jr. and Christy Marshall to Emily E. Peterson, 3 acres at 6269 South State Road 62, Lexington.

• Alan R. Whitaker and Alex R. Whitaker (beneficiaries), Patty Jo. Whitaker (deceased) and Ray S. Whitaker (deceased) to Alan R. Whitaker and Alex R. Whitaker, approximately 79 acres at 9400+ North 900 West, Commiskey.

• Sheriff Jefferson County Ben Flint, Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint, Ben Flint Sheriff Jefferson County, Amanda R. Hutsell (deceased), Amanda R. McCoy (also know as) and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, approximately 23 acres at 7011 West 1137 North, Dupont.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Black History
Month Lecture

Jefferson County Public Library
420 West Main St., Madison
Thursday, Feb. 29 — 5:30 p.m.
“Know Your History: The Life of George DeBaptiste.” DeBaptiste served as agent for the underground railroad, living in both Madison and Detroit.

Lenten Lunch Service

Hanover United Methodist Church
220 East Lagrange Road, Hanover
Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Noon
Lenten Lunch Services are being held each Wednesday sponsored by the Greater Madison Ministerial Association with a local church hosting a devotion from a visiting pastor with a light lunch. Randy Crutchfield, pastor of Madison First Baptist Church, is preaching this week.

Educational
Health Lecture

Harry’s Stone Grill
621 Clifty Drive, Madison
Thursday, Feb. 29 — 5 p.m.
This event will provide a lecture on the benefits of exercise while also seeking community input on the development of a Jefferson County YMCA Community

Health Center.

Irish-themed Open House

St. Michael the Archangel
519 East Third St., Madison
Sunday, March 10 — 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Historic Madison Inc. and the Ohio Valley Celtic Society are teaming up to celebrate the Kickoff to St. Patrick’s Day at St. Michael’s by hosting their annual Irish-themed open house at the former Catholic church that is now a historic property. Tour and eenjoy the historic space, learn a little history of the building and the people who built and worshiped there, and taste a selection of Irish teas courtesy of the Ohio Valley Celtic Society.

Commonwealth
Brass Band

Opal E. Sherman Auditorium,
Madison Consolidated High School
743 Clifty Drive, Madison
Sunday, March 17 — 3 p.m.
Established in 1989 and conducted by Jerry Amend, this ensemble from New Albany, plays unique instruments found in British brass bands. The program will be dedicated to the memory of musician and former band director Mark Johnson who died last year. The event is free and sponsored by Madison Performing Arts Foundation.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

331 East Main St., Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon to 1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope
Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING
DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays — 9 to 11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For info call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior
Citizens Center

208 West Main Street
Senior Meals
Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre from Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

HANOVER SENIOR
CITIZENS CENTER

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

SEPTIC

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Lindsey Wyne, administrator for the Jefferson County Health Department, said once the ordinance receives Commissioners approval it must go to the TRP for review. The panel “will review to make sure that any parts aren’t any stricter” than the state’s septic requirements, “and if they are, they have to be justified.”

If there are provisions in the ordinance that do not receive TRP approval, Huff thinks that those changes would be an amendment to the county’s approved

ordinance, and future readings and adoptions will only be on the amendment. The second reading of the ordinance will likely take place at the Commissioners meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 5 p.m.

Wyne said a provision that required installers to be certified by the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professional Association (IOWPA) was taken out of the county’s ordinance. “We don’t feel that’s necessary. We have a lot of good installers here that aren’t IOWPA certified, and we don’t feel that hinders their ability to install.”

Commissioner Bobby Little noted the ordinance establishes that sewage

holding tanks shall have a minimum capacity greater than 1,000 gallons and no more than 10,000 gallons, but makes no mention of the requirements for lateral lines. Wyne said she thinks there is a reason lateral lines are not included, and will find out what that might be.

Wyne said the new ordinance “isn’t a way to sneak any new things in. It’s pretty much the same way it’s operating currently. It just had to get rewritten.”

The On-site Sewage Systems Ordinance can be found on the county’s website at <https://jeffersoncounty.in.gov/517/Ordinances> under the category of “Draft Ordinances.”

BALLOT

FROM PAGE A1

presented is that it’s a delegate rule, it’s not even the candidate rule.”

Republican convention delegate filings are Mary Beth Boone, David Carlow, Bob Courtney, Andrew Forrester, Laura Hodges, James C. Jones, Anita Martin, Mindy McGee, Linda Pittman, Mike Pittman, Rick Reuss, Chris Shelton, Patrick Thevenow and Joshua Webb.

Democratic convention delegate filings are Jim Crone, Marilyn Hutchinson, Susan Patterson and Jeffrey Phillips.

Logan Gray has now assumed the role of the Republican representative

on the Election Board, replacing Mindy McGee who resigned. Other members of the Election Board are Merritt Alcorn, the Democratic Party representative, and Eblen in her role as County Clerk.

McGee, who has served on the Election Board since 2015, said she will miss serving on the Election Board. “We wish her well in her endeavors,” said Crozier, expressing appreciation to McGee for representing the Republican Party on the board, and added “it’s exciting to have” Gray to now assume that role. Alcorn said there will be a public test of the county’s voting machines at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at the Jefferson County Annex building.

With the primary elec-

tion on Tuesday, May 7, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., early voting will begin at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 300 East Main St., on Tuesday, April 9, and continue weekdays through Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be two Saturdays of early voting in the Courthouse — April 27 and May 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The last chance to vote at the Courthouse will be Monday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

There will also be satellite voting at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, and the Hanover Community Center, 200 Spruce Lane.

Voting at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center will be for three Tuesdays and three Thursdays prior to the primary, and at the Hanover Community Center on three Wednesdays — all from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dates at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center will be April 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, and May 2. Dates at the Hanover Community Center will be April 17 and 24, and May 1.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:15 a.m.
Sunset: 6:33 p.m.
Temperature: High 71, Low 59, Mean 65.0, Excess 26.0
Precipitation since last published: .18
Precipitation, February 2024: .87
Precipitation, 2024: 7.26
Barometer: 29.74, Steady
Clifty Creek: 426.16 feet, Rising
Forecast: Wednesday: Rain High 59/Low 25; Thursday: Mostly sunny High 47/Low 31; Friday: Cloudy High 50/Low 43.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 1-9-10-26-31-32 (2/24). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$5.4 million. Next Drawing (2/28).
Cash Five: 1-3-26-27-28 (2/25)
Cash 4 Life: 13-32-34-44-50 CB: 3 (2/25)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 4-13-21-35 CB 12 (2/25)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 6-10-13-18-34 (2/25)

Lucky For Life: 3-13-14-17-26 LB: 12 (2/25)

MEGAMILLIONS: 4-6-40-41-60 MB: 11, MP 5 (2/23). Next Jackpot: \$563 million. Next Drawing (2/27)

POWERBALL: 3-8-40-53-58 PB:3, PP 3 (2/24). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$391 million. Next Drawing (2/26)

POWERBALL DOUBLE

PLAY: 5-6-16-34-35 PB: 17 (2/24). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (2/26)

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BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

FEBRUARY 27

Linda Cheatham
Rob Lafary

FEBRUARY 29

Harold Lakeman

MARCH 1

JP Dale

OBITUARIES

Marcella Sue Parker Brooks

Marcella Sue Parker Brooks, age 75, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on April 7, 1948 in Brooksborg, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Theodore Roosevelt and Dora Ellen Smith Parker. She was a lifetime resident of Jefferson County and was schooled there. She was united in marriage to William Dwight Brooks on September 5, 1962 in Brooksborg. This happy union of nearly 59 years was blessed with three daughters, Melissa, Lisa Kay and Beth. She had worked at U.S. Shoe Corporation for 29 years and at Wal-Mart for 15 years. he was a member of the Brooksborg United Methodist Church and enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marcella died on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 12:10 a.m. at the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Marcella will be missed by her daughters, Lisa Kay Lock and her husband Darrell of Hanover, IN; Beth Walters of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Jeffery, Jennifer, Christi, Brittany, Kay, Buddy, Brittany Nicole, Darrell Lee, McKaylie, Joseph, and Jonathan; her great grandchildren, Dawson, Mason, Starr, Levi, Hailey, Paisley, Jacob, Alli, Reed, Dayton, Brayden, Willow, Emalyn, Courtney, Taylor, Sadee and Elias; her brother, Ted Parker and his wife of Jacksonville, FL; her sisters, Emma J. Dean of Madison, IN, Bonnie Beard of Madison, IN, Georgetta Scott and her husband Ron of Madison, IN, Lynn Sixkiller of Madison, IN, Ellen Hord of Blocher, IN; her sister in law, Debbie Brooks



of Brooksborg, IN; her brother in law, James “Bush” Brooks of Brooksborg, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Theodore Roosevelt Parker; her mother, Dori Ellen Smith Parker; her husband of nearly 59 years, William Dwight Brooks, died June 21, 2021; her brothers, Johnny Parker, Eugene Parker, Marshall Parker, and Earl “Bud” Parker; her daughter, Melissa Sue “Meme” Brooks Harrison; her granddaughter, Crystal Marie Lock; her sisters, Anna Williams, Mary Catherine Robinson, and Libby Evans.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 6 p.m., by Pastor Dan Corbin at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Brooksborg Cemetery in Brooksborg, Indiana.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brooksborg Cemetery Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Matthew Shay Prewitt

Matthew Shay Prewitt, 51, of Indianapolis and Madison, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly from complications from Type-1 diabetes. He was born on November 19, 1972, in Greenfield, at Hancock Regional Hospital, to Tanya Sue (Thompson) Prewitt and Charles David Prewitt.

Matt was a proud graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, class of 1991 and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in Italian Literature in 1999. He worked as the administrative assisted to the president of Collegiate Housing Services for over 20 years. Four of Matt’s greatest joys were his beloved Boston Terriers, Tipton, Tigger and Pim, and his Cockapoo, Oreo.

Brooks Harrison; her granddaughter, Crystal Marie Lock; her sisters, Anna Williams, Mary Catherine Robinson, and Libby Evans. was very loyal, loved to teach and share new things with his nieces and nephews and enjoyed traveling with his spouse; their most recent trip was to the Holy Land just prior to covid. Matt had a contagious laugh (giggle) and loved to make people laugh. He was “quirky,” “witty,” and a very gracious and kind host. Matt was enthusiastic about being a “Swiftly” and was proud to have taken his niece, Riley, to her first Taylor Swift concert.

Matt loved music, knitting, and Elizabethan Literature. He loved anything Judy Garland and always asked that “Rock-A-Bye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody” by Judy Garland be played at his funeral. He was not afraid to show his emotions, was known for his crazy socks, and loved his second home in Madison, Indiana, which he referred to as “his apartment that



his husband bought for him.” He was a hard person to forget and will be remembered for his kindness, his infectious giggle and his zest for life.

Survivors include his husband, Jeff Veldhof; nephew (son), Dylan Shay Koglin; mother, Sue Prewitt; father, Charlie (Cindy) Prewitt; sister, Haley Prewitt; nieces and nephew, Riley, Cami, A.J., Kai and Arianna Prewitt; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Kacy Prewitt.

Visitation for family and close friends will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Home, 1458 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Public visitation will be held prior to Mass on Wednesday, February 28, from 11 to 1 p.m. in St. Roch Catholic Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indpls. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated following visitation at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to a meal in the Parish Life Center following Mass as Matt’s wishes were to be cremated and buried with his husband (and dogs) at a later time in Holland, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Roch Catholic School, 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46217 or JD RF (Type-1 diabetes research), P.O. Box 5021, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5021.

James Leo Huffington

James Leo Huffington, age 79, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on September 14, 1944 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late George A. and Helen Tingle Huffington. He resided in Jefferson County all of his life and graduated from Southwestern High School. James was raised in the Catholic faith with the Prince of Peace Catholic Parish. He was inducted into the United States Army on May 1, 1964 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He rose to the rate of Specialist Five during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on April 28, 1967 from Fort Meade in Maryland receiving the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He remained in the Reserves until being discharged on April 30, 1970, On June 29, 1970 James was united in marriage to Anna R. Kiser in Madison, Indiana. This happy union of 53 years was blessed with sons, James Matthew and Todd and a daughter, Lara. He began his working career with Grote Industries where he worked for five years and had met his wife there. He retired after 35 years of service as a tool and die maker with Clifty Engineering in Madison, Indiana. He enjoyed caring for his lawn, watching IU basketball, listening to country music, and watching television. He was a beloved husband, dad, brother and uncle. James died on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 2:10 a.m. at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, Indiana.

James will be missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Anna R. Kiser Huffington of Madison, IN; his loving sons, Todd Huffington of Carmel, IN, James Matthew Huffington of Madison, IN; his



loving daughter, Lara Huffington of Scottsburg, IN; his brother, Dennis Huffington of Delphi, IN; his sister, Marie Huffington Howard of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, George A. Huffington; his mother, Helen Tingle Huffington; his sisters, Mary Regina Huffington, and Rosalie Huffington Means; his sister in law, Lucille Huffington, and his brother in law, Clabourn Russell Howard.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Michael Cammack at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Tuesday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Glenna Sue Jones Sproessig

Glenna Sue Jones Sproessig, age 75, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on September 30, 1948 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Jess Willard and Sarah M. Gordon Jones. She was a 1966 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. Glenna married Charles Nelson Sproessig on July 22, 1966 in Madison, Indiana. This happy union of 57 years was blessed with a daughter, Melissa and sons, Michael and Angel Sonny. She lived in Jefferson county all of her life, and her days revolved around loving and raising her children. She was the backbone of her family and loved being a mother and grandmother. She was of the Christian faith and enjoyed reading, gardening when she was not with her family. Glenna died on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 2:07 a.m. at her home near Lexington, Indiana with her loving family at her side.

Glenna will be missed by her loving husband of 57 years, Charles Nelson Sproessig of Lexington, IN; her loving daughter, Melissa Sproessig Jester and her husband, Billy of Madison, IN; her loving son, Charles Michael Sproessig and his wife, Anita of Hanover, IN; her beloved grandchildren, Heather (Sean), Flynn (Sara), Morgan, Jenna (Aaron), and John; her

adoring great-grandchildren, Kendall, Braxton, and Lorelei; her loving brother, James “Jimmy” Jones and his wife, Teresa of Brooksborg, IN; her loving sisters, Donna Stephan and her husband, Rick of Madison, IN, Thelma Perry of Hanover, IN, Karen Jones and her companion, Kevin of Hanover, IN, Connie Sanders of Hanover, IN; her sisters in law, Norma O’Neal of Taylorsville, KY, Mary Carlisle of Mitchell, IN; her brother in law, Bill Sproessig and his wife, Mary Catherine of Hope, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Jess Willard Jones; her mother, Sarah M. Gordon Jones; her infant son, Angel Sonny Sproessig, and her brothers-in-law, Leon Perry, and Billy Carlisle; her father in law, William Lowell Sproessig, and her mother in law, Grace L. Lewis Sproessig.

Glenna chose cremation with no public ceremony. Interment will be in the Sharon Hill Cemetery near Lexington, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Helena Faye Winn Hopper

Helena Faye Winn Hopper passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024 at the Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison. She entered this world on April 13, 1926. She was born in Madison where she resided her whole life. “Faye” is preceded in death by her father, Wright Winn; her step-father, Henry Luckett; her mother, Helen Monroe Luckett; her brother, Dana Winn; her son: Marvin Gayle Elles Jr.; her first husband, Marvin Gayle Elles Sr.; and her second husband, Glenn Hopper.

Her life will be cherished by her daughter, Mary Ann Frazier and her husband, James Frazier Jr. of Lexington, Indiana; a special nephew, Gayle Keith Elles and his wife, Linda of Hanover, Indiana; her grandchildren: Paul, Heather, Christa, Lucas, Carmen, Mary E. and Moses; and seven great grandchildren. She was proud of her hometown and always loved the river.

Faye worked at

Charlestown Powder Plant and Ace Hardware. In her younger years, she was a telephone operator and was also a caretaker for her mother and her husband, Glenn until they passed away. Faye loved to sing, write poetry and attend church. She will be sadly missed by all who loved her.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison’s hilltop with interment to follow in Springdale Cemetery in Madison. Friends and family may visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.lytlewelty.com.

Rita Faye Wise

Rita Faye Wise, age 67, of Madison, Indiana, and the daughter of the late Marcus and Effie Margaret (Burton) McCarty, was born on March 17, 1956, in Salyersville, Kentucky. On December 3, 2001, she was united in marriage to Marvin G. Wise, Sr.. For over thirty years, she worked at the U.S. Shoe Factory in Madison and Vevay, until it closed. She enjoyed dancing and spending time with her dog, Doodle. Mrs. Wise passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024 at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison.

Her life will be cherished by her son: Howard Jason Romans, of Madison; her step-children: Carrie Ray, of Greensburg, IN, Connie Wise, of Hanover, IN, Michelle Newby, of Bedford, KY, and Marvin Wise, Jr. of Columbus, IN; her siblings: Athalene Stewart of Madison, Loretha Baker of New Philadelphia, OH, Verna Walters of Elkton, Maryland,

Luke McCarty of Milton, KY, and Jerry McCarty of Madison; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin G. Wise, Sr. who passed away on March 7, 2017; her son: Jeremy Romans, and her siblings: Rollan McCarty, Delmar McCarty, Kenneth McCarty, Abner McCarty, Glen McCarty, Junior McCarty, Thurman McCarty, Mozella McCarty, and Wanda Banks.

Pastor Scott Kollmann conducted funeral services on Monday, February 26, 2024 at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison’s hilltop with interment that followed in Macedonia Cemetery near Madison.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Dementia Society of America. Contributions can be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at lytlewelty.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Ricky Allen Carter, 59, of Carrollton, KY, died Feb. 24, 2024, in Louisville. A celebration of life service will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com.

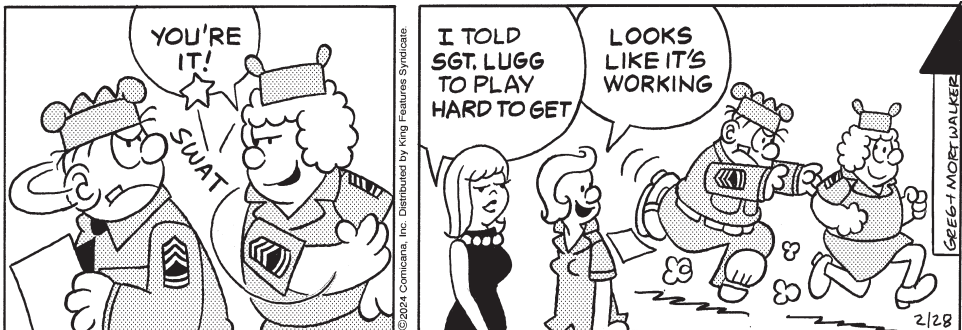
Rhoda Eula Ellison Dietz, 90, of Carrollton, KY, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, in Louisville. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29, at

Independence Cemetery in Independence, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com.

Brenda Gail Flannery, 75, of Carrollton, KY,

died Wednesday, Feb.21, 2024, in Louisville. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyeckler-rileyfuneralhome.com.

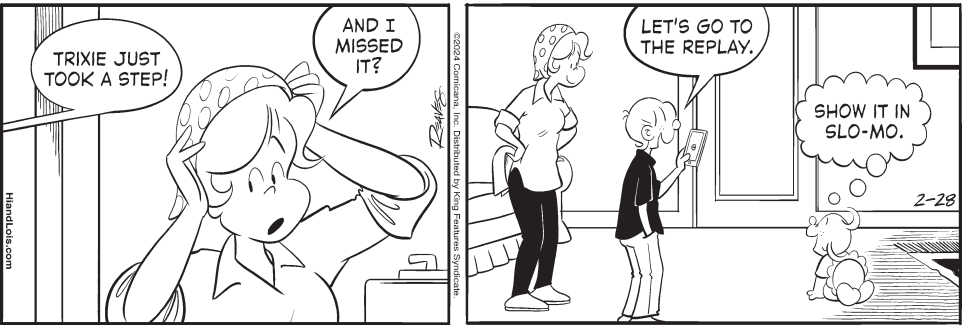
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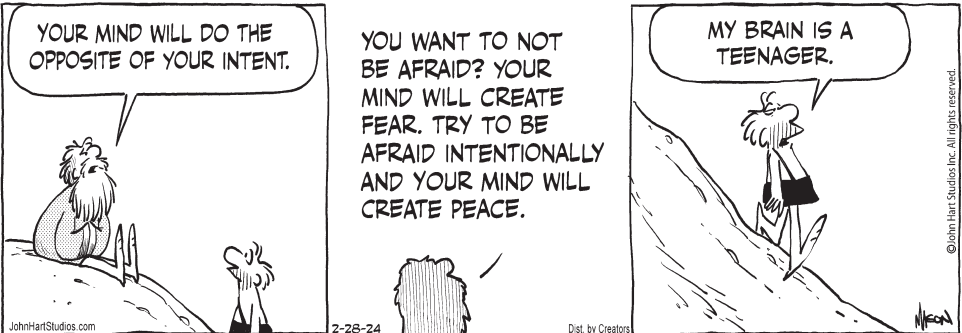
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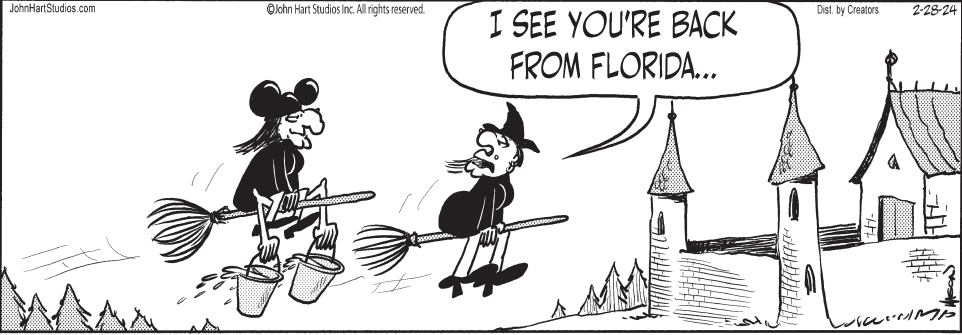
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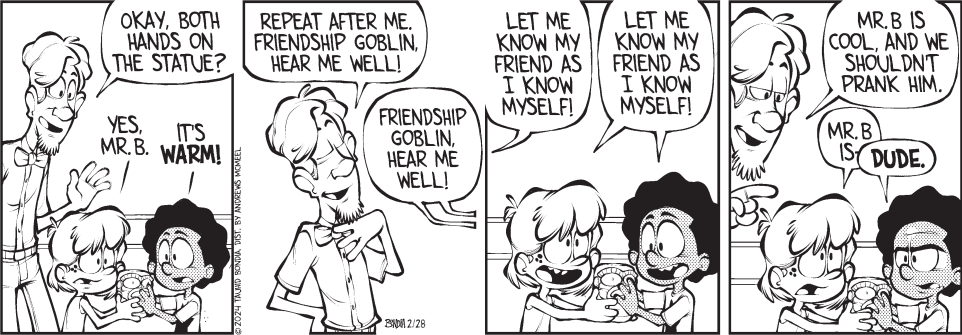
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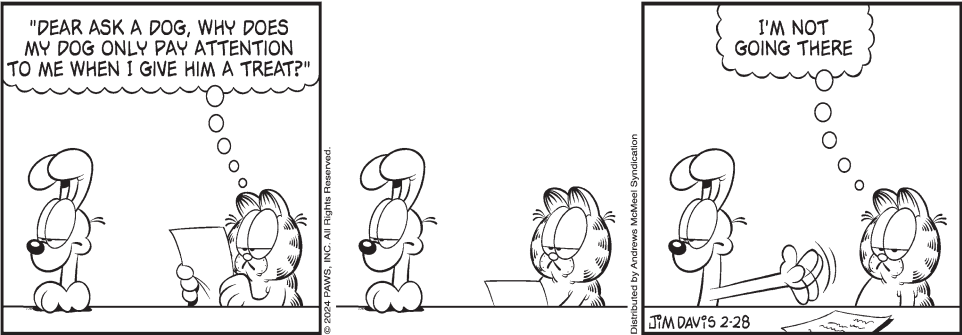
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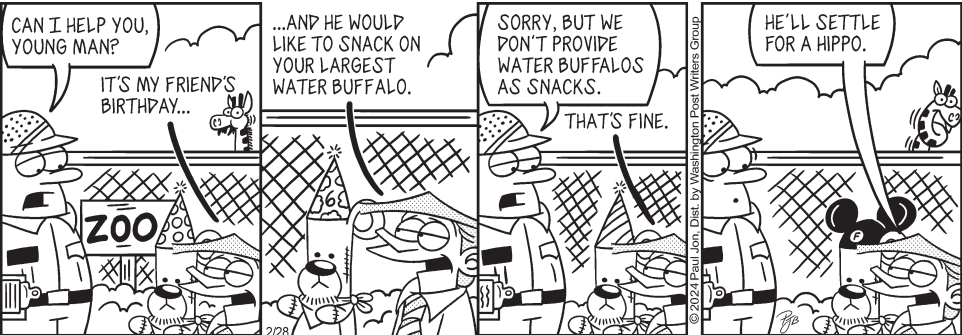
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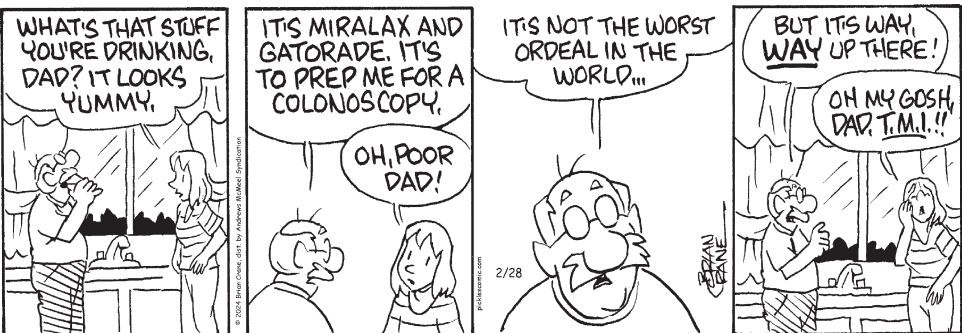
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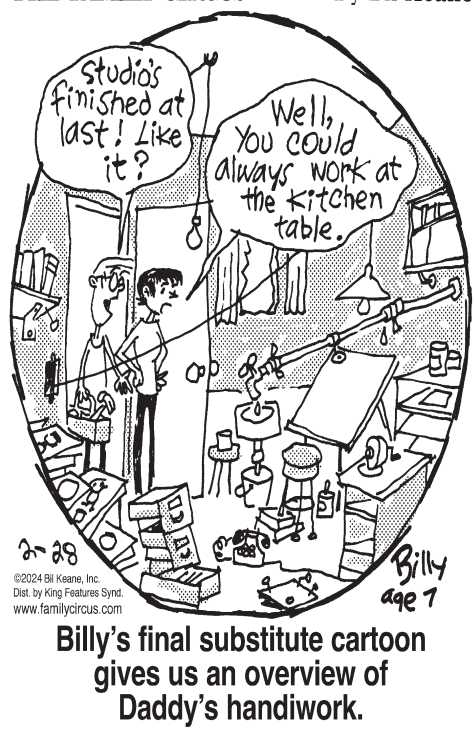


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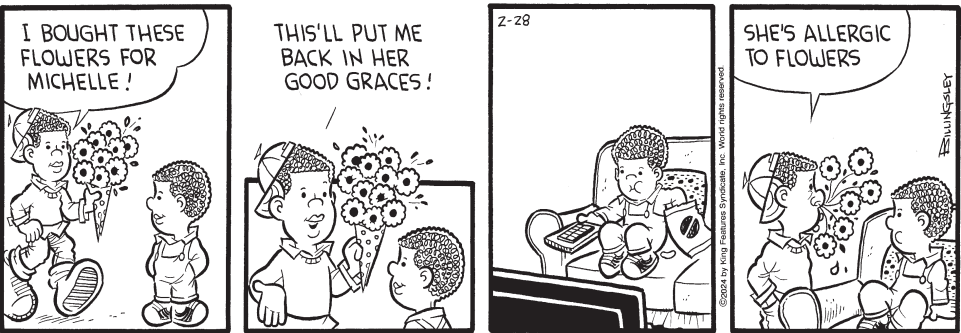
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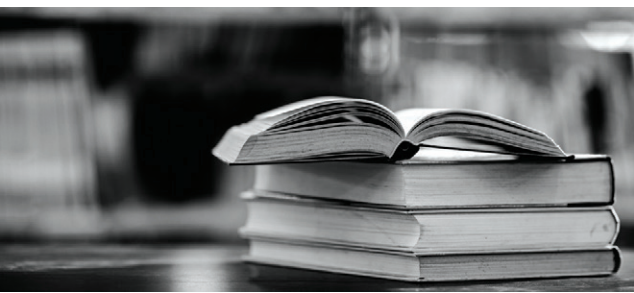
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 28, 2013, Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.)

On this date:
In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.
In 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.
In 1911, President William Howard Taft nominated William H. Lewis to be the first Black Assistant Attorney General of the United States.
In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.
In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communique, which called for normalizing relations between their countries, at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.
In 1975, 42 people were killed in London's Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel.
In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four



agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.
In 1996, Britain's Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles. (Their 15-year marriage officially ended in August 1996; Diana died in a car crash in Paris a year after that.)
In 2009, Paul Harvey, the news commentator and talk-radio pioneer whose staccato style made him one of the nation's most familiar voices, died in Phoenix at age 90.
In 2012, Republican Mitt Romney won presidential primary victories in Arizona and Michigan.
In 2014, delivering a blunt warning to Moscow, President Barack Obama expressed deep concern over reported military activity inside Ukraine by Russia and warned "there will be costs" for any intervention.
In 2018, students and teachers returned under police guard to Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School as classes resumed for the first time since a shooting that killed 17 people.
In 2020, the number of countries touched by the coronavirus climbed to nearly 60. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished the week 12.4% lower in the market's worst weekly performance since the 2008 financial crisis.
In 2022, Russian forces

shelled Ukraine's second-largest city, rocking a residential neighborhood, and closed in on the capital, Kyiv, in a 17-mile convoy of hundreds of tanks and other vehicles.
Today's birthdays:
Architect Frank Gehry is 95. Singer Sam the Sham is 87. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 85. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 84. Actor Kelly Bishop is 80. Actor Stephanie Beacham is 77. Writer-director Mike Figgis is 76. Actor Mercedes Ruehl is 76. Actor Bernadette Peters is 76. Former Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 76. Actor Ilene Graff is 75. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 71. Basketball Hall of Famer Adrian Dantley is 69. Actor John Turturro is 67. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 67. Actor Rae Dawn Chong is 63. Actor Maxine Bahns is 55. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 55. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 55. Author Daniel Handler (aka "Lemony Snicket") is 54. Actor Tasha Smith is 53. Actor Rory Cochrane is 52. Actor Ali Larter is 48. Country singer Jason Aldean is 47. Actor Geoffrey Arend is 46. Actor Melanie Chandra (TV: "Code Black") is 40. Actor Michelle Horn is 37. MLB relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman is 36. Actor True O'Brien is 30. Actor Madisen Beaty is 29. Actor Quinn Shephard is 29. Actor Bobb'e J. Thompson is 28.

Stained glass window showing dark-skinned Jesus Christ finds home

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A nearly 150-year-old stained-glass church window in Rhode Island that depicts a dark-skinned Jesus Christ interacting with women in New Testament scenes — known to many as the “Black Gospel Window” — has found a new home at a museum in Tennessee.

The window was installed in 1878 at the now-closed St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Warren, Rhode Island. It is the oldest known public example of stained glass on which Christ is depicted as a person of color that one expert has seen. Scholars have studied the work, trying

to determine the artist’s motivations.

Measuring 12 feet tall and 5 feet wide (3.7 meters by 1.5 meters), the window depicts two biblical passages in which women, also painted with dark skin, appear as equals to Christ. One shows Christ in conversation with Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus, from the Gospel of Luke. The other shows Christ speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well from the Gospel of John.

Made by the Henry E. Sharp studio in New York, the window had largely been forgotten until a few years ago, when Hadley

Arnold and her family bought the Greek Revival church building, which opened as a church in 1830 and closed in 2010, to convert into their home.

Arnold hoped to find a museum, college or other institution to display the window. She worked with a panel of Rhode Island leaders in the arts, historical preservation and Black history before deciding that its new home would be the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art in Tennessee.

Supporters of the move note the museum is committed to serving as a powerhouse of Black artistic and curatorial

excellence. They also note that Memphis is one of the nation’s largest Black-majority cities, one with a vital religious community that played a leading role in the nation’s civil rights movement.

Virginia Raguin, an expert on the history of stained glass at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, said last year that she and other experts confirmed the skin tones — in black and brown paint on milky white glass that was fired in an oven to set the image — were original and deliberate.

Whether it depicts a Black

Jesus has been open to speculation.

Arnold doesn’t feel comfortable using that term, preferring to say it depicts Christ as a person of color, probably Middle Eastern, which she says would make sense, given where the Galilean Jewish preacher was from.

“The 1877 Black Gospel Window will have pride of place,” Arnold said in a statement. “It will be on permanent display in a glass-walled gallery adjacent to a central courtyard, flooded with natural light by day, illuminated and visible from a public courtyard by night.”

Black History-Underground Railroad



Bob Demaree
Katie Canida, 9, and her grandmother, Charlotte Canida, read through one of the children’s books at the Jefferson County Public Library during Saturday’s program that explored the history of the Underground Railroad.



Bob Demaree
Cherie Rike, children’s library assistant at the Jefferson County Public Library, shared the story of “Henry’s Freedom Box” on Saturday during a program on the history of the Underground Railroad. The book by Ellen Levine recounts the true story of Henry Brown, a slave who mailed himself to freedom.



Bob Demaree
Drayke Phillips, 5, climbs inside a replica of the box that is depicted in the book “Henry’s Freedom Box” that was read during Saturday’s program on the Underground Railroad at the Jefferson County Public Library. The book recounts the true story of Henry Brown, a slave who mailed himself to freedom.



Bob Demaree
On Saturday at the Madison branch of the Jefferson County Public Library, children explored the history of the Underground Railroad through craft and activity stations. Pictured are Layla Phillips (left), 4, and Drayke Phillips, 4, while their mother, Jessica Dickmyer, helps them to make a paper lantern. At right is Cherie Rike, children’s library assistant.



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STAR

Indiana native Wooden honored with postage stamp

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A U.S. stamp honoring John Wooden was unveiled on the UCLA campus Saturday, with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes on hand to honor their coach who guided the Bruins to a record 10 national championships in the 1960s and '70s.

Abdul-Jabbar used a cane to approach the lecturer outside Pauley Pavilion on a sun-splashed day. He had hip replacement surgery just before Christmas after he fell at a concert. The 76-year-old was known as Lew Alcindor during his college days when he was a three-time national player of the year.

"There's only one thing I can say and that's, 'Thank you, coach.' You

gave it to us on both ends, you made us champs and you made us understand life," Abdul-Jabbar said. "I don't think any coach can do better than that."

The stamp shows Wooden with an intense look on his face and two players in the background wearing jerseys with the numbers 4 and 10. Four represents the number of undefeated seasons under Wooden and 10 is the record number of national championships his teams won in Westwood.

"I feel his ultimate impact will be as the ultimate teacher," said Wilkes, who wore a turquoise bolo tie gifted to him by Wooden. "He gave us a gift, a process where we could each live our best lives."

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— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

People lined up to purchase some of the 18 million Wooden stamps that have been printed and receive a first-day cancellation featuring the zip code assigned to the UCLA campus.

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block called Wooden "the university's most legendary and beloved figure" and noted that Wooden's famed Pyramid of Success has appeared on the hit TV show "Ted Lasso."

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time without help from an assistant.

"He would sign or write and seal the items in an envelope and put a stamp on them. In his 99 years, he used a lot of U.S. postage stamps," she said, drawing laughter. "This honor today is a true reflection of the way he lived his entire life. Our family is so thankful for the USPS, for UCLA. It's great to keep his name out there and relevant to younger generations to come."

Former UCLA gymnastics coach Valerie Kondos Field wore a long gray cardigan that she said was a gift from Wooden. The two were close and Wooden regularly attended her teams' meets, as well as men's and women's basketball games, until the final year of his life.

"The handwritten notes that my husband and I received from coach Wooden, that he wrote in his beautiful handwriting, and he put in an envelope and he mailed through the United States Postal Service with a stamp, makes this absolutely, not just appropriate, but brilliant," she said.

Wooden had a post office in the Reseda section of the San Fernando Valley near his home named for him in 2006.

The Indiana native is the second college basketball coach to be honored with a U.S. stamp. The first was James Naismith, who invented the game.

Professional forecasters raise expectations for US economy in 2024

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This year looks to be a much better one for the U.S. economy than business economists were forecasting just a few months ago, according to a survey released Monday.

The economy looks set to grow 2.2% this year after adjusting for inflation, according to the National Association for Business Economics. That's up from the 1.3% that economists from universities, businesses and investment firms predicted in the association's prior survey, which was conducted in November.

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blasted through predictions of a recession. High interest rates meant to get inflation under control were supposed to drag down the economy, the thinking went. High rates put the brakes on the economy, such as by making mortgages and credit card bills more expensive, in hopes of starving inflation of its fuel.

But even with rates very

high, the job market and U.S. household spending have remained remarkably resilient. That in turn has raised expectations going forward. Ellen Zentner, chief U.S. economist at Morgan Stanley and president of the NABE, said a wide range of factors are behind the 2024 upgrade, including spending by both the government and households.

Economists also more than doubled their estimates for the number of jobs gained across the economy this year, though it would still likely be down from the previous one.

Offering another boost is the fact that inflation has been cooling since its peak two summers ago.

While prices are higher than customers would like, they're not increasing as quickly as they were before. Inflation has slowed enough that most of the surveyed forecasters expect interest rate cuts to begin by mid-June.

The Federal Reserve, which is in charge of setting short-term rates, has said it will likely cut

them several times this year. That would relax the pressure on the economy, while goosing prices for stocks and other investments.

Of course, rate changes take a notoriously long time to snake through the economy and take full effect. That means past hikes, which began two years ago, could still ultimately tip the economy into a recession.

In its survey, NABE said 41% of respondents cited high rates as the most significant risk to the economy. That was more than double any other response, including fears of a possible credit crunch or a broadening of the wars in Ukraine or the Middle East.



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West readies for more snow as Midwest gets taste of summer

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A powerful winter storm has started dumping snow that could reach several feet in higher elevations of the West on Monday while much of the central U.S. was basking in unseasonably warm conditions. Windy conditions have raised the potential for fires in several states.

The National Weather Service warned that travel could be dangerous later Monday across parts of the Oregon Cascades and Northern Rockies, predicting near-blizzard conditions with one to two inches of snow an hour and winds reaching upwards of 65 mph.

The storm will move into the Great Basin and Central Rockies Tuesday, carrying much colder temperatures and strong winds across the inner mountain West, said Andrew Orrison, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in College Park, Maryland.

“We’ll be very wintry like for the next two days,” he added.

The West is just one place with unusual, and in some cases, dangerous weather conditions. Here is what to expect elsewhere.

IT’S WARM IN THE HEARTLAND

This time of year should be the coldest in places like Chicago. But the city and many others across the central U.S. are getting an early taste of summer with temperatures in the 60s and 70s.

The warm conditions have continued since a balmy weekend brought temperatures reaching into the 60s in Denver, Chicago and Des Moines, Iowa. Kansas City, Missouri, enjoyed temperatures in the mid-70s.

In Chicago, a high of 67 degrees

was expected Monday, breaking Chicago’s old record of 64 degrees. Winds were expected to ramp up to 25 mph. Tuesday’s highs were expected in the mid-70s, challenging Chicago’s record of 75 for the date.

Highs on Monday were expected to reach the mid-60s across southern Wisconsin and extend as far north as Rhinelander, a city of 8,000 just below Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

“We’re blowing away the records in northern Illinois into south central and southwestern Wisconsin,” said Mark Gehring, a weather service meteorologist in Sullivan, Wisconsin.

Monday’s warm temperatures will “just about guarantee” that the typically chilly Minneapolis area will have its warmest winter on record, the local weather service office said. While Monday’s forecast high of 63 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport would be one degree below the record set in 1896, St. Cloud in central Minnesota was expected to reach 59, breaking the old record of 55 set in 1958.

GOLF, IN WISCONSIN, IN FEBRUARY?

Weeks of unusually warm weather drove Jessica Blaska-Grady, general manager of the Oaks golf course in the town of Sun Prairie just east of Madison, to reopen for the season on Feb. 9. She said she can remember only one other winter — 2017 — when the course was open in February.

“It’s definitely kind of crazy,” she said. “This is incredibly unusual but I’m not going to lie and say it’s unwelcome. It’s a nice little boost.

You’ve got to make hay when the sun shines.”

Gehring attributed the unseasonable warmth to an El Nino pattern, the term for warming in the equatorial region of the Pacific Ocean that pushes the jet stream further north. These bands of strong wind form a boundary between cold northern air and warm southern air. Gehring also noted that climate change has been playing in a role in warming temperatures for decades.

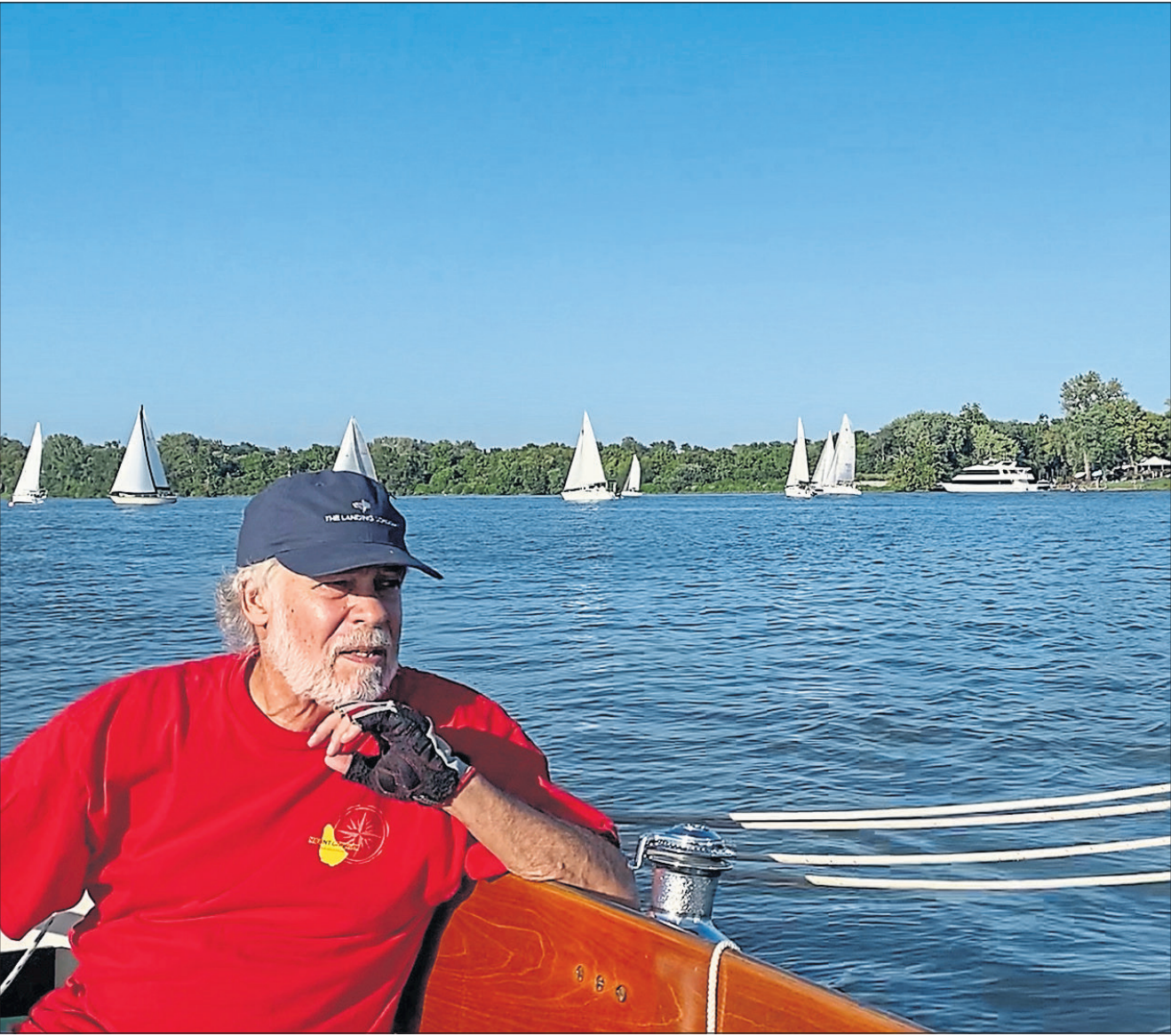
The warmer conditions in many parts of the country have led to the cancellation of winter events like ski races and pond hockey tournaments. The latest cancellation was the longest sled dog race in the eastern United States.

FIRE RISK IN THE PLAINS

But the warmer temperatures have brought increased risk of fires across the Great Plains.

The National Weather Service said dry, gusty winds were creating what it called critical fire weather conditions, and issued red flag warnings and fire weather watches in parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, up to Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and east to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

Nearby states, including parts of Arkansas, Minnesota and Wisconsin, were under hazardous weather outlooks because of an increased fire danger, according to weather service maps. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued an advisory Monday morning discouraging burning anything outdoors, noting that 15 wildfires sprang up over the weekend, consuming more than 30 acres.



Handout
Joe Burch of Prospect, Kentucky, in a sailboat in a scene from the documentary “This is the Ohio” that will be shown Saturday, March 2, at Richwood on the River in Milton, Kentucky. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the film’s showing at 7 p.m.

RIVER

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Park in Vevay, and from General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, the only place in Kentucky to see the convergence of the Kentucky and Ohio rivers.

For Madison, the Ohio River was instrumental in its growth, particularly when steamboats became a faster and more reliable conductor of goods that developed industry and prospered the city. Eventually, other sources of transportation developed, and the river’s use for commerce declined, though barges still today provide a commercial use for the Ohio River.

“I think part of our desire was to bring our attention back to the Ohio because of railroad and airplanes and cars and whatnot, we tend to ignore it or just dismiss it, and it is so vital to us in so many ways,” said Atkinson.

“The rivers have inspired people throughout humanity’s history. It’s good to remember that as well as the commercial benefits,” he said.

He said, “Part of the tension that people will see in the documentary between, is this a commercial thoroughway, or can it be used for other things for recreation and enjoyment. My conclusion is yes, of course it can, and we try to find a balance. We definitely need the commercial, the barges, but we also need the recreational aspects.”

Saturday’s program is sponsored by the Kentucky Waterways Alliance and the Ohio River Way.

Susan Griffin Ward, Community Engagement Director for Kentucky Waterways Alliance, noted the film, “This is the Ohio”, was created independently but “dove-tails so perfectly with the work that we’ve been doing,” particularly in its efforts to bring federal funding support for the Ohio River that has been

minimal in the past.

“There is a plan in place that’s being worked on with the National Wildlife Federation to present legislation later this year to Congress to begin to get some federal investment,” she said. “We’ll see if that happens. It might be a long shot but we’re certainly going to be working hard to bring attention to the Ohio River.”

Kentucky Waterways Alliance is a 31-year-old organization that Ward said “works to protect, restore and celebrate Kentucky’s 90,000 miles of waterways, Kentucky has more navigable waterways than any state except for Alaska.”

Ward said, “Our interest is bringing to attention the value of the Ohio River. In Kentucky, 97% of our tributaries drain to the Ohio River. For us, it’s so intertwined. If our tributaries are healthier, the river will be healthier, and that will bring opportunities to all the communities that are in the river basin.”

Atkinson said the film is “a love story that focuses on a wide variety of people who have loved the river and it shows in their story why they did.” He said the film is also a “mystery which goes back to the title, ‘This is the Ohio,’ asking what is the Ohio, and it looks for that answer.”

He said there are many different views from people on their thoughts about the river. “Some will say it’s a sewer ditch or it’s a barge canal, or it’s the beautiful river. Part of it is to open our minds to what is the Ohio, and what does it mean to us.”

And even though the film is a documentary, he said they have succeeded in making it entertaining. “It’s a fun way to spend an hour to make you think about this river which flows right by your community about why it’s important and what you can do to make it an even better river, maybe a little cleaner, and ways to get involved with the Ohio River.”

Democrats, GOP struggle as supporters mull whether to vote

BY JOEY CAPPELLETTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANSING, Mich. — Rev. Steve Bland Jr. remembers the massive get-out-the-vote effort he helped mobilize four years ago, when pastors and community leaders spread out across Detroit neighborhoods, made phone calls and worked around the clock to encourage people to vote.

He’s not seeing that kind of enthusiasm this time around.

Madeleine Byrne, a 25-year-old from Bloomfield Hills in Oakland County, a wealthy suburban enclave that proved pivotal in Michigan’s swing back toward Democrats in recent years, said she likes how former President Donald Trump but has misgivings about supporting him in 2024.

“I think he causes fights where they aren’t necessary,” she said.

In Michigan, a state that both major parties say they must have to win the White House in 2024, a cloud of apathy has settled over the electorate. Even with crucial races for the U.S. Senate and Congress also on the ballot, genuine enthusiasm is hard to find. The state’s voters are poised to cast ballots in their respective primaries on Tuesday, but the prospect looms that they will be left with the same choices for president in November that they considered four years ago.

That means the biggest task for candidates may be inspiring Michigan voters to care.

“A good quarter of the people I talk to aren’t sure if they’ll vote at all,” said Lori Goldman, who founded a group called “Fems for Dems” to help drive up voter turnout for Biden in Oakland County four years ago. “A lot of people are just like, ‘I’m not voting. I’m not doing it.’”

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said Monday that over 1 million people had already cast their primary ballots, taking advantage of new voting laws that allow for nine days of early, in-person voting. A total of 2.3 million people — or 30% of registered voters — participated in the 2020 primary.

The early vote totals may include a number of “uncommitted” ballots from Democrats unhappy with Biden’s support for Israel in its response to the Oct. 7 attacks by Hamas. Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib has urged voters to mark their ballots that way on Tuesday to send a message to Biden and other Democrats.

Among Republicans, Trump’s rallies draw enthusiastic crowds, and he has racked up decisive wins so far in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Carolina and the U.S. Virgin Islands. But it remains unclear whether his support extends beyond the core of true believers who have helped him main-

tain his grip on the GOP. Surveys by AP VoteCast have shown that some Republicans, especially college-educated and moderate voters, have misgivings about the former president.

For voters such as Byrne, in politically competitive areas like Oakland County, the unease sometimes takes the form of Trump fatigue. Asked how she feels about the choice that’s looming in this year’s presidential contest, Byrne wrinkles her face.

“Honestly, I’ve been thinking about whether I want to vote at all.”

“We as Americans have this great privilege and, as a woman, I’m aware we’ve had it for only 100 years,” she said. “But given our circumstances, with the choices that we do have, I think it’s difficult to actually make a choice. And so, I wonder if I will.”

In 2020, voter turnout surged by 14% compared to the previous election, eclipsing the record set in 2008 for the highest number of votes cast in Michigan. The trend continued in 2022 when the state registered its highest midterm election turnout ever.

Young Michigan voters have stepped up in recent years. In 2022, Michigan saw the highest youth voter turnout rate nationwide at 36.5%, surpassing the estimated national youth turnout of 23% by over 13 percentage points, according to CIRCLE, the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

But the excitement that led to hours-long lines on college campuses across Michigan appears to have died down.

“You’re hearing people say that maybe they’re going to stay out of the election or they don’t know who you’re going to vote for,” said Vrunda Patel, a junior at the University of Michigan.

Patel and fellow University of Michigan Democrats met with California Rep. Sara Jacobs, part of a wave of recent Biden surrogates sent in to drum up enthusiasm, at an Ann Arbor coffee shop to strategize for the upcoming election. The discussion mainly revolved around motivating college students to vote, with one student saying bluntly: “No one I talk to is excited to vote for Joe Biden this election.”

Jacobs offered reassurance.

“It’s a long way away from the election,” she said. “With the 2012 Obama campaign, this far out, Obama’s poll numbers were bad. People were not that excited. This is a normal progression in a reelection.”

Several students mentioned the idea of “uncommitted” votes in the Tuesday primary. Double-digit numbers could spell trouble for Biden in the general election.

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Madison beats Switzerland 57-49

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Madison followed one of its worst quarters of the season with one of its best and pulled away in the second half to defeat Switzerland County 57-49 in Vevay on Thursday.

The Cubs could do little right in the first quarter and Switzerland took advantage by racing out to an 18-4 lead. It was a shocking display by the Cubs but not as shocking as their response.

Madison's Quincy Reynolds opened the second quarter with a basket and the Cubs outscored Switzerland 20-4 in the period to take a 24-22 lead and then led by as many as nine in the second half as they closed out the regular season with the 8-point victory.

"That first quarter really shocked me because I thought we had a really good warm up," Madison coach Adam Stotts said. "I thought the substitutions, like Elliott (Kozenski) and Logan Jester really gave us a spark. That's what I've been preaching; when it's your time, step up and do it. And they did it tonight."

Stotts knew that the key to victory for Madison was shutting down the Pacers' junior all-state candidate, Cam Craig, who went over 1,000 career points the week before despite losing his sophomore season to injury and was averaging 23 points per game.

Craig scored the Pacers' first five points of the game and finished with 16 points but was forced to work for every point. He finished 5-of-11 from the floor overall and 5-of-7 from the free-throw line with junior Oscar Gonzalez largely drawing the defensive assignment. Six of Craig's points came in the fourth quarter as Switzerland attempted a comeback.

"Oscar did a terrific job," Stotts said. "We held him to 16 and eight (rebounds) which I think is great. He's a heck of a player and I thought we did the best we could on him."

With Craig largely in check, all Madison needed to do to claim the win was hit some shots. Even with the second quarter explosion, the Cubs still made only 29% in the first half was fortunate to have the lead.

But that changed in the second half. Energized by the comeback, Madison was 10-of-16 (63%) from the floor in the second half and 9-of-13 (69%) from the free-throw line. And while the Cubs attempted 20 3-pointers in the game, only eight came in the second half as they spent more time trying to attack the basket rather than settling for threes.

Once the Cubs got the lead, all that was left was to hold onto it, something they have struggled with this season. Switzerland whittled the margin down to three (50-47) on a Craig three-point play with 1:35 to play, but Mason Davis answered with two free throws on the other end for Madison to push the lead back to five. Reynolds then closed out the victory with five-straight points to ice the win.

"I thought we could have given up after the first quarter and hung our head but you could see our guys were really high," Stotts said. "We've battled to the end (in other games) we just haven't really learned how to finish so tonight was a really good step. I told our guys it's hard to learn how to win. And so for our guys to do that I was really proud of them tonight. They played really hard."

Reynolds finished with 24 points, five rebounds and four assists to lead Madison while Davis had 14 points and Gonzalez added 10.

In addition to Craig's 16 points and eight rebounds, Kadyr Riley scored 13 points and Jacob Williams had 10 for the Pacers.

On Friday, Switzerland County suffered a 54-39 loss at South Dearborn. Craig had 25 points and 10 rebounds but no other Pacer scored more than four points.

Switzerland finished the regular season with a 13-10 record and will play the winner between Milan and North Decatur in the Class 2A Sectional Semifinals at South Ripley on Friday.

Madison, now 7-16, will take on either Silver Creek or Salem in the Class 3A Sectional Semifinals at Scottsburg on Friday.



David Campbell
Madison's Quincy Reynolds (12) shoots a 3-pointer over Switzerland County's Kadyn Riley (20) and Cooper Todd (2) during Thursday's 57-49 Madison win in Vevay.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

BASEBALL

Hanover vs. Eastern University at Myrtle Beach, S.C., 11 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Shawe boys vs. Trinity Lutheran, IHSAA Class A Sectional Tournament at New Washington, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

BASEBALL

Hanover vs. Methodist at Myrtle Beach, S.C., 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co./Henry Co. girls vs. Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

Southwestern boys vs. Clarksville, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Tournament at Southwestern, 6 p.m.

Carroll Co./Trimble Co. boys vs. Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Carroll Co., 7:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover women at Muskingum, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 29

BASEBALL

Hanover vs. Keystone at Myrtle Beach, S.C., 11 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Trimble Co. girls vs. Gallatin Co./Eminence, KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover at Greenville (Ill.), 1 p.m. (DH)

TENNIS

Hanover men and women at Berea, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

BASEBALL

Hanover vs. Bridgewater at Myrtle Beach, S.C., 9 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Madison boys vs. Salem/Silver Creek, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional Tournament at Scottsburg, 6 p.m.

Trimble Co./Gallatin Co./Eminence girls vs. Carroll Co./Henry Co./Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Carroll Co., 6 p.m.

Shawe/Trinity Lutheran boys vs. Medora, IHSAA Class A Sectional Tournament at New Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern/Clarksville boys vs. Henryville/Brownstown, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Tournament at Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. boys vs. North Decatur/Milan, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Co./Trimble Co./Gallatin Co. boys vs. Henry Co./Eminence/Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Carroll Co., 8 p.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover men host Centenary, 1 p.m.

TENNIS

Hanover men and women at Wittenberg, 10 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover, Final Qualifier at Ada, Ohio, 11 a.m.

Madison's Sever wraps up season at swim state finals



Camdyn Sever

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison junior Camdyn Sever wrapped up his stellar swim season with two events in the IHSAA Swim State Finals in Indianapolis on Friday.

Sever placed 22nd in the 50-yard freestyle in 21.66 as Matthew Klinge of Harrison (West Lafayette) won the state

championship in 19.45.

Sever then finished 24th in the 100 freestyle in 47.46 as Walker Mattice of Zionsville won the state championship in 44.26.

Carmel scored 409 points to win its 10th-straight boys swim state championship. Penn finished second with 165 points.

Panthers fall to Anderson in HCAC men's hoops finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover men's basketball saw its season end with a 90-73 loss to Anderson in the championship game of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at Anderson on Saturday.

Hanover defeated Transylvania 78-64 in the semifinals on Friday. The Panthers built a 40-34 lead at the half then outscored Transy by eight in the second half.

Max Greenamoyer had 22

points and eight rebounds to lead Hanover while Coleman Sater had a double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds. Ty Houston added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Hanover fell behind by nine points (42-33) to Anderson in the championship game on Saturday and the Ravens pulled away in the second half.

Greenamoyer had 23 points and six

KENTUCKY HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Horn scores 23 to lead Trimble past Crothersville 67-50

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Ethan Horn scored 23 points and Coltin Humphreys added 18 points as Trimble County beat Crothersville 67-50 in the Raiders’ boys basketball regular-season finale on Friday.
Hayden Webster added 12 points for the Raiders, who won four out of their last seven games of the season.
Trimble, now 7-23 on the season, faced Carroll County in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at Carroll County on Monday. The winner plays Gallatin County in the semifinals on Wednesday and the championship will be on Friday.

CARROLL GIRLS BEAT SHELBY
Carroll County’s girls picked up a 70-51 win at home over Shelby County on Friday in their final regular-season game.
Kaitlyn Hensley scored 27 points to lead the Panthers and Cloie McGuire had 21 points.

Madie Hicks added nine points and Elle Spencer scored eight.
Carroll, now 10-20 on the season, hosted Henry County in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament on Monday. The winner will take on Owen County in the semifinals on Wednesday with the championship set for Friday.

OLDHAM BEATS LADY RAIDERS
Trimble County suffered a 60-48 loss at Oldham County on

Friday in the Lady Raiders’ final regular-season game.
Addison Edmondson scored 16 points to lead Trimble and Jolie Wilcoxson had 11 points. Kendra Mahoney added eight points.
Trimble, now 15-13 on the season, earned the No. 2 seed in the 31st District Tournament at Carroll County and will face the winner between Eminence and Gallatin County in the semifinals on Thursday. The championship game will be on Friday.

PANTHERS FALL TO WILLIAMSTOWN
Carroll County’s boys closed out the regular season with a 60-42 loss at home to Williamstown on Thursday.
Carroll, now 11-16 overall and 3-4 in the North Central Kentucky Conference, hosted Trimble County in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament on Monday. The winner faces Gallatin County in the semifinals on Wednesday. The championship will be on Friday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Sorensen, Jazdzewski win HCAC track titles at Indoor Championships

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover women’s track & field claimed two individual wins in the HCAC Indoor Championships at Rose-Hulman on Saturday.
Senior Amberleigh Sorensen won the 800-meter run in 2:18.91 and junior Nina Jazdzewski won the pole vault at 2.90 meters.
Overall, the Hanover women scored 124.5 points to place second to Rose-Hulman, which had 227 points. The Hanover men placed fourth with 54 points with Rose-Hulman claiming that title as well with 193 points.
Other top finishes for the Hanover women were: Sorensen, second, 1-mile run, 5:19.92; Jessie Stenger, second, shot put, 13.46m and second, weight throw, 14.39m; Paige Wildman, third, 1-mile run, 5:35.42; Kaelyn King, third, 60 hurdles, 9.74; Natalie Day, Wildman, Sorensen, Emma Litzelman, third, 1600 relay, 4:24.28; Hanna Whitney, fourth, 1-mile run, 5:44.46; Day, King, Jazdzewski, Gracie Henson, fourth, 800 relay, 1:56.19; Ally McGuire, fourth, pole vault, 2.75m; Kennadi Lakins, fourth, long jump, 4.73m; Lili Seals, fourth, triple jump, 9.31m; Dakota Goetz, fourth, weight throw, 13.81m; Litzelman, fifth, 800 run, 2:29.54; Adair Dooley, fifth, 1-mile run, 5:52.09; and Day, fifth, 60 hurdles, 10.21.
Top finishes for the Hanover men were: Sean Woods, second, pole vault, 4.20m and sixth, high jump, 1.80m; Tommy Wilmouth, second, shot put, 14.73m; Anthony Lloyd, fifth, 60 dash, 7.13 and sixth, high jump, 1.80m; Ethan Weston, fifth, 3000 run, 8:52.10; Grady Shay, fifth, 60 hurdles, 8.61; Jake Kehoe, fifth, shot put, 13.73m; Lloyd, Erik Perkins, Jayden Eberle and Layden Adair, fifth, 800 relay, 1:33.66; Lloyd, Perkins, Gaven Followell and Woods, fifth, 1600

relay, 3:38.32; and Noah McClain, Alex Galanti, Charlie Stueple and Oxiel Castro Badillo, fifth, distance medley, 11:13.81.
Madison’s Chloe Ferris, a junior at Manchester, finished 14th in the women’s 1-mile run in 6:25.77.
Several Hanover athletes will compete in the Final National Qualifier at Ohio Northern on Friday.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE GETS WIN
Hanover women’s lacrosse picked up its first win of the season 14-4 in Saturday at home.
Taylor McNally-Henriksen and Masi McNally-Henriksen each scored three goals and had an assist to lead Hanover while Katie Comer had two goals and an assist and Natalie Mullin and Hannah Wagner each had two goals. Emma Williams had five saves in goal.
Hanover, now 1-2 on the season, traveled to Waynesburg on Monday

and travels to Muskingum on Wednesday and to DePauw on Saturday.

BASEBALL OPENS SEASON
Hanover baseball opened the 2024 season with a win and two losses in the Piedmont Invitational in Demorest, Georgia, over the weekend.
On Friday, Hanover defeated Wilmington 8-4. Andrew Osterling was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored, Sam Perkins was 2-for-5 with a double, an RBI and a run, and Reid Douglas was 2-for-4 with a double and a run. Matthew Alter allowed four earned runs over six innings for the win.
Hanover suffered a 10-2 loss to host Piedmont on Saturday. Robert Carroll was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Douglas had a double and a run for the Panthers. Marcus Paster struck out six in 5-2/3 innings and suffered the loss.

Hanover then lost 16-1 to Randolph Macon on Sunday. Alex Christie and Eric Roudebush each had doubles for the Panthers. John Girard pitched five innings and took the loss.
Hanover, now 1-2 on the season, heads to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where it will play Eastern University on Tuesday, Methodist on Wednesday, Keystone on Thursday and Bridgewater on Friday.

MEN’S LACROSSE FALLS TO CONCORDIA
Hanover men’s lacrosse suffered a 23-4 loss at home to Concordia on Saturday.
Colin O’Brien had three goals and Nick Adams scored one for Hanover. Lance Guttormson had 19 saves in goal for the Panthers.
Hanover, now 1-2 on the season, hosts Centenary on Friday.

SOFTBALL SWEPT IN OPENER
Hanover softball opened

the season on the wrong end of two doubleheader sweeps in St. Louis over the weekend.
On Saturday, Hanover lost 9-1 and 8-6 to Webster. Alex Miller hit a solo home run for the Panthers in game one Lauren Beaman suffered the loss. Sophie Markowicz had a home run, Jade Wims had a double and a triple and Dani Steward took the loss in the circle in the second game.
On Sunday, Hanover lost 8-0 and 6-1 to host Washington (Mo.). Olivia Planck had two hits for Hanover and Beamon suffered the loss in the first game. Wims, Markowicz and Sydney Risor each had a hit and Rylin Huddleston suffered the loss in the second game.
Hanover, 0-4 on the season, heads to Greenville (Ill.) for two games on Thursday and competes in the Millikin (Ill.) Tournament on Saturday.

Turner scores season-high 33 in Pacers’ 133-111 win over Mavs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Turner scored a season-high 33 points, Tyrese Haliburton added 17 points and 10 assists and the Indiana Pacers beat Dallas 133-111 on Sunday night to snap the Mavericks’ Western Conference-best seven-game winning streak.
Luka Doncic finished with 33 points, six assists and six rebounds for the Mavericks, who shot 47% from the field but allowed Indiana to shoot 56% and make 14 3-pointers. Kyrie Irving had 29 points and six rebounds for Dallas.
“The whole game for us was about our edge, our competitiveness,” said Pacers coach Rick Carlisle, who had a 13-year coaching tenure with the Mavericks. “We just wanted to stay aggressive and not look at the scoreboard, just play our game. You’re never going to have an easy game against a team like Dallas.”
Back-to-back 3-pointers from Andrew Nembhard and Haliburton broke it open midway through the fourth quarter, pushing the Pacers in front 120-102. Dallas, which was within four earlier in the final

period, later trailed by as many as 22.
“Give them credit,” Dallas coach Jason Kidd said. “They were making shots. We’ll learn from it. We had 15 assists, the lowest of the season. Haliburton caused us a problem driving. Turner, he kind of finds his way to top of the key or the 3-point line. He was wide open, so we have to do better.”
Nembhard and Ben Sheppard scored 15 apiece for Indiana, which has won three in a row to bolster its tenuous hold on sixth place in the East. Bennedict Mathurin added 14 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.
Doncic, who leads the league with an average of 34.3 points per game this season, had 25 in the first half in a matchup against the league’s highest-scoring team. Indiana entered averaging 123.8 points per game.
Neither side led by more than eight in a first half that ended with Indiana ahead 67-60. It was tied at 32 at the end of the first quarter. The Pacers carried a 100-91 lead to the fourth.
“We locked in defensively,” Turner said. “They’ve got some

special talent over there. We still have 24 games left to try to make some more hay.”
Indiana played without starting wing Aaron Nesmith, averaging 12.6 points per game, because of a sprained right ankle.
The Mavericks held out reserve guard Dante Exum (9.2 points per game) but hope to have him back Tuesday after missing a month with knee bursitis.

PACERS 129, PISTONS 11
All-Star point guard Tyrese Haliburton had 25 points and 13 assists to help the Indiana Pacers beat the NBA-worst Detroit Pistons 129-115 on Thursday night.
Coming off a 32-point night Sunday in the NBA All-Star Game on his home floor at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Haliburton had his 15th game of the season with at least 25 points and 10 assists.
“Today is the best I’ve felt and best I’ve moved (in a while),” said Haliburton, who had a hamstring strain in January. “I think everybody who is really paying attention to how I look, I

think that everybody can agree with that. That’s a relief. But I want to maintain that as time goes on.”
Haliburton was paying particular attention to how quickly he was moving. He thought his energy level was more consistent than in games where the injury caused his play to drop off the more minutes he played.
“I felt like could get to every spot, explosive movements,” he said.
Pascal Siakam added 20 points for Indiana. T.J. McConnell had 16 points, six rebounds and five assists, and Myles Turner finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds.
“Ty went through a tough five or six weeks with the injury,” Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. “To see him have two dunks and really feel good doing it is really good to see.”
Cade Cunningham had 30 points and eight assists for Detroit, and Jalen Duren added 15 points and 13 rebounds. The Pistons have lost four straight to fall to 8-47. They are 4-24 on the road.
“I thought today was one of those ‘first games out of the

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
• Switzerland County defeated Madison 51-47 in junior varsity boys basketball on Thursday.
Gabe Fife had 13 points and Zach Vinup had 12 for Madison.
On Friday, Switzerland lost 44-43 to South Dear-

born. Carson Griffith had 12 points and Nate Williams scored nine for the Pacers.
• Switzerland County Middle School girls basketball finished second in the Eighth Grade Rivertown Classic at Lawrenceburg on Saturday.

In the semifinals, Switzerland defeated South Dearborn 28-5. Madison Spilman had 14 points and 10 steals for the Pacers and Ashlyn Jesop had six points and 10 rebounds.
In the championship, Switzerland lost 27-25 to Greendale. Jesop had eight

points and six rebound and Spilman had six points, four rebounds and five steals.
• The Madison Cubs Baseball Clinic will be March 9-10 at Gary O’Neal Field.
The clinic is open to grades first through eighth. First and second graders will run from 1-2:30 p.m., third through fifth from 2:30-4 p.m. and sixth through eighth from 4-5:30 p.m.
Cost is \$25 and all campers will receive a T-shirt.
• Applications for the 2024 Hanover Parks Department baseball and softball leagues are now

Furor erupts over Ronaldo’s apparent obscene taunt in Saudi league match

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Cristiano Ronaldo is reportedly being investigated for making an alleged offensive gesture while playing for Al Nassr in the Saudi Pro League.
Footage on social media appeared to show Ronaldo cupping his ear and repeatedly thrusting his hand forward near his pelvis, seemingly aimed at rival Al Shabab supporters. The incident occurred on Sunday after Al

Nassr beat Al Shabab 3-2.
In the background were chants of “Messi.” Lionel Messi is Ronaldo’s longstanding soccer rival.
While the incident was not captured by television cameras, criticism of the 39-year-old Portugal striker has been swift. Local media reports say the Saudi Arabia Football Federation has opened an investigation.
He could face a suspension. Al Nassr’s next match is on Thursday.
Ronaldo, who moved to the Riyadh-based club in December 2022, has a league-leading 22 goals. His scored the opener against Al Shabab, a first half penalty.
Al Nassr trails fellow league leader Al Hilal by four points, having played a game more.
Al Nassr is also in the quarterfinals of the Asian Champions League, a tournament it has never won.



Al Nassr’s Cristiano Ronaldo kicks the ball during Riyadh Season Cup 2024 final match against Al Hilal at Kingdom Arena Stadium in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Thursday, Feb. 8.
AP photo

Edey matches season high as No. 3 Purdue bounces back

BY LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Zach Edey took advantage of Michigan’s attempts to defend him with only one player.

Edey matched his season high with 35 points and had 15 rebounds, helping No. 3 Purdue bounce back from a rough start to beat the Wolverines 84-76 on Sunday.

“I’m used to getting doubled as soon as I catch it, as soon as I dribble, but they wanted to play me 1 on 1,” he said. “My teammates recognized that and got me the ball a lot. I just tried to do what I do.”

The 7-foot-4 Edey made 14 of 18 shots and scored 35 points for the third time this season, falling three short of equaling his career high.

“He probably would have scored 35 on me too,” said Michigan coach Juwan Howard, a member of the school’s Fab Five and a former NBA standout.

The Boilermakers (25-3, 14-3 Big Ten) are closing in on winning a second straight conference championship, building a 2 1/2-game lead over No. 12 Illinois with three regular-season games left on their schedule.

The Wolverines (8-20, 3-14) moved closer to clinching last place in the

Big Ten with their fifth straight loss and 10th setback in 11 games under their embattled coach.

Michigan saw about half of its arena filled with black-and-gold-wearing fans chanting and cheering for the visitors, eight days after Michigan State fans in the stands made it look and sound as if the Wolverines were playing on the road.

“It felt like Mackey Arena in there tonight,” Michigan senior forward Terrance Williams II said.

Matt Painter, who played at Purdue in the early 1990s and has coached there for nearly two decades, said he had never had a similar experience on the road in the Big Ten.

“I told our guys at halftime, ‘This might never happen again, so give them something to cheer about,’ ” Painter said.

Dug McDaniel had 19 points and six assists for the Wolverines, who had four more scorers reach double digits.

As usual, Edey had a few teammates contributing offensively. Lance Jones scored 15, Braden Smith had 11 points and Fletcher Loyer added nine.

The Wolverines played well early in the game and led 22-15 before Purdue took control for good, surging into a 47-36 lead at halftime.

“Michigan just played better than us in the first 10 minutes of the game,” Painter said. “To our guys credit, our guys stayed with it and just made more shots.”

Michigan pulled within seven points midway through the second half, Edey answered with consecutive layups and the Boilermakers were able to keep a relatively comfortable cushion.

BIG PICTURE

Purdue: Edey had another dominant performance, perhaps increasing his chances to repeat as The Associated Press men’s college basketball player of the year.

Michigan: Howard has a chance to set a single-season school record for losses, faring worse than John Beilein’s first team did with a 10-22 record during the 2007-08 season.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Boilermakers might move up Monday in the AP Top 25 because they also routed Rutgers 96-68 and top-ranked UConn lost by 19 points to Creighton.

UP NEXT

Purdue hosts Michigan State on Saturday night (**TV:** Live on FOX at 8 p.m.).

Baldwin, Penn State starters carry scoring load

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — Ace Baldwin Jr. scored 15 of his 23 points in the first half and Qudus Wahab recorded a double and Penn State led for all the second half to beat Indiana 83-74 on Saturday.

Each Penn State starter reached double-digit scoring.

Zach Hicks scored 17 points, D’Marco Dunn 13 and Nick Kern Jr. and Wahab 11 apiece for the Nittany Lions (14-14, 8-9 Big Ten). Wahab finished with 11 rebounds.

Malik Reneau scored 10 of his 27 points in the first half, Kel’el Ware scored 11 of his 16 points before intermission and Trey Galloway 11 for Indiana (14-13, 6-10).

The Hoosiers made just 2 of 15 shot attempts from 3 and didn’t make their first until Mackenzie Mgbako sank one with 1:35 left to reduce the deficit to 78-70.

Dunn’s layup with 16:40 remaining gave Penn State its largest lead at 47-35. Indiana got within 56-54 on a three-point play by Galloway with 10:06 left but Hicks immediately responded with a 3 and Indiana never got within five points the rest of the way.

The Nittany Lions used Baldwin, who went on a personal 8-0 run in a 2 1/2-minute span late in the first half, to give Penn State its largest lead — 40-32 — to that point. Galloway made 1 of 2 foul shots with six seconds left before intermission to end an almost three-minute scoring drought for the Hoosiers. Penn State led 40-33 at halftime.

Indiana owns the all-time series record at 42-17 but Penn State has won the last four.

Indiana hosts Wisconsin on Tuesday (**TV:** Live on Peacock at 7 p.m.).

Freshman Edwards scores 28, as UK routs No. 13 Alabama 117-95

BY STEVE MCCLAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky coach John Calipari kept telling Justin Edwards he believed in him, even as the freshman struggled through an inconsistent season.

That belief paid off Saturday as Edwards scored a season-high 28 points, leading No. 17 Kentucky to a 117-95 win over No. 13 Alabama.

Edwards scored his previous high against Vanderbilt on Feb. 6, when he finished with 17 points.

“I kept saying you’re going to break through. I believe in you,” Calipari said. “He said ‘Coach, I believe in you.’ And I said, you just got to stay the course.”

Against Alabama, Edwards was 10 for 10 from the field and 4 for 4 from 3-point distance. His only miss came at the free throw line, where he finished 4 for 5.

“It felt good to go out and show I can play like I did,” Edwards said. “It means a lot because (my teammates) believe in me. I knew I hadn’t missed (a shot), but I knocked on wood.”

Antonio Reeves scored 24 points, and Zvonimir Ivisic came off the bench to score 18 points for the Wildcats (19-8, 9-5 SEC). Kentucky shot 63% from the field, 54% from 3-point distance and finished a point short of its highest scoring game of the season, a 118-82 win over Marshall on Nov. 25. It was the second-most points Kentucky has scored in an SEC game in Rupp Arena since posting 127 against LSU in 1995.

Rylan Griffen scored 21 points and Mark Sears added 20 for Alabama (19-8, 11-3), which shot 56% from the field and turned the ball over



Darrell Bird/The Cats’ Pause

Kentucky freshman Justin Edwards is all smiles after going 10-for-10 to score a career high 28 points in UK’s 117-95 win over Alabama on Saturday.

“Kentucky was ready to play tonight and we weren’t. They were great and we looked awful.”

— Nate Oats
Alabama coach

16 times, leading to 29 points by Kentucky.

“Kentucky was ready to play tonight and we weren’t. They were great and we looked awful,” Alabama coach Nate Oats said. “I told our guys we have had question marks about our defense all year.”

The conference showdown between the pair of highly ranked teams and the two top scoring offenses in the nation got off to a quick start. Ala-

bama held a 29-28 lead with 9:39 left in the first half before Kentucky went on a 20-2 run over the next six minutes, seizing control of the game and carrying a 58-42 lead into halftime.

Alabama got within 14 in the second half at 68-54 with 16:45 left, but Kentucky shut down any hopes of rally with 12 unanswered points in less than 90 seconds, with Edwards accounting for seven of those points, including a four-point play.

BIG PICTURE

Alabama: The Tide lost their tenuous hold on first-place in the SEC as No. 5 Tennessee beat Texas A&M 86-51 on Saturday night and moved into a tie atop the conference standings.

Kentucky: The Wildcats sorely needed a dominating home win after dropping three of their last four games in Rupp Arena. Kentucky kept alive a path to a double-bye in the conference tournament.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Alabama: The Tide should not be hurt too much by another road loss, although they did need overtime to beat Florida 98-93 on Wednesday.

Kentucky: The Wildcats should stay about where they are in the polls, despite blowing a 15-point lead on the road to LSU on Wednesday.

UP NEXT

Kentucky visits Mississippi State on Tuesday (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 7 p.m.).

Former NFL head coaches join Pierce’s first Raiders staff

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON, Nev. — As Antonio Pierce prepares for his first season as the Las Vegas Raiders’ full-time coach, he is counting on two experienced former head coaches to help guide him.

The Raiders announced their full staff Friday, and former Cincinnati Bengals coach Marvin Lewis is the assistant head coach and ex-Miami Dolphins coach Joe Philbin is the senior offensive assistant.

Lewis led the Bengals to seven playoff berths, going 131-122-3 from

2003-18. He was a key advisor when Pierce became the interim coach midway through last season.

Philbin went 24-28 as the Dolphins coach from 2012-15 and was 2-2 as the Green Bay Packers interim coach in 2018. He was an offensive analyst at Ohio State last season, but most of his NFL career was under Mike McCarthy as the offensive line coach in Green Bay and with the Dallas Cowboys. Philbin also was the Packers offensive coordinator from 2007-11.

Also notable, Scott Turner was retained as the pass game coordina-

tor. Before joining the Raiders last season, he spent three years as the Washington Commanders offensive coordinator.

Patrick Graham enters his third season as defensive coordinator, but some significant changes were made on that side of the ball even though Las Vegas ranked ninth in allowing just 19.5 points per game.

Three assistants were retained — senior defensive assistant Rob Ryan, defensive line coach Rob Leonard and assistant defensive backs coach Matt Feeney.

Pitino wears all white as St. John’s shreds No. 15 Creighton 80-66

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Dressed in white from head to toe, Rick Pitino and his St. John’s players handed No. 15 Creighton a humbling defeat.

Daniss Jenkins scored a season-high 27 points and St. John’s shredded the Bluejays 80-66 on Sunday for its best win yet under the Hall of Fame coach.

Jordan Dingle added 18 points and the Red Storm (16-12, 8-9 Big East) finally closed out a quality conference opponent following a string of blown leads. They put together a clinical performance from start to finish in front of a roaring, chanting crowd of 12,061 at Madison Square Garden, making all 10 free throws and racking up 24 assists to only three turnovers while holding the Bluejays (20-8, 11-6) to 6-for-26 shooting (23%) from 3-point range.

“I think we learned a lot tonight, what great basketball looks like,” said Pitino, in his first season at St. John’s.

On the sideline, the 71-year-old Pitino looked a little like Colonel Sanders in his all-white suit and shoes as the Red Storm encouraged a “whiteout” among fans on Johnnies Day at MSG.

“I actually wasn’t gonna wear it. It was a last-minute thing,” Pitino said, explaining that his wife prodded him repeatedly. “My players were gonna get a big kick out of it and that’s why I did it.”

So on Saturday afternoon, he strolled over to the Armani store a half-block from his apartment and asked for a little help picking out some new digs.

“I couldn’t fit in the old one,” Pitino said, drawing laughs.

“He came out with that on, you can’t lose,” said Jenkins, who shot 12 for 18 and added six assists, two steals and two blocks.

Joel Soriano had 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists for the Red Storm, who entered 0-5 against Top 25 opponents this season. Glenn Taylor Jr. finished with a team-high 10 rebounds

and six assists.

“Anytime we tried to be a little bit more aggressive, they made the extra pass and turned a good shot into a better shot,” Creighton coach Greg McDermott said. “They moved it so well today.”

Trey Alexander scored a season-best 31 points for the Bluejays, who had won four straight and seven of nine. They were coming off an eye-opening blowout of UConn at home Tuesday night that ended the Huskies’ 14-game winning streak and marked the program’s first victory over a top-ranked team.

Ryan Kalkbrenner had 12 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocks for Creighton, which won the previous seven meetings between the schools.

St. John’s led by nine in the second half Jan. 13 at Creighton before losing 66-65 in a game that featured 18 lead changes and seven ties.

“I’m not surprised. I was impressed with them the first time we played,” McDermott said. “They can beat anyone on any given night.”

BIG PICTURE

Creighton: The Bluejays will be back at MSG in 2 1/2 weeks looking to win the Big East Tournament for the first time. They still have a little work to do to clinch a first-round bye.

St. John’s: A week ago, Pitino publicly tore into his players after they blew a 19-point lead in a home loss to Seton Hall. He apologized and clarified some of those comments following Wednesday night’s victory at struggling Georgetown, but the Red Storm have responded with two consecutive wins after dropping eight of 10.

“It’s about time,” Dingle said. “We had too many that we gave away.”

Whether a strong finish could still be enough to earn an at-large NCAA Tournament bid remains to be seen.

UP NEXT

St. John’s plays at Butler on Wednesday night (**TV:** Live on CBS Sports at 8:30 p.m.). St. John’s won the first meeting 86-70 in early January at Carneseca Arena on campus.

Hall scores 18 as South Carolina women rout UK

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — South Carolina locked up its latest league title with the kind of performance Dawn Staley wants to see even in practice.

Bree Hall scored 18 points, MiLaysia Fulwiley added 17 off the bench and top-ranked South Carolina beat Kentucky 103-55 on Sunday to clinch its third consecutive outright Southeastern Conference regular-season championship and eighth in 11 years.

Staley struggles to achieve Sunday's effort in workouts, which made the game-day product all the more satisfying.

“We have performances like this that shows we’re a really good basketball team and we show up on game day,” she said. “But we can’t just rely on that. We’ve got to perform like that in practice.”

With 6-foot-7 star center Kamilla Cardoso sitting out a second consecutive game, the hot-shooting Gamecocks (27-0, 14-0) widened a 20-point half-time cushion to 74-43 after three quarters behind 12-of-16 shooting on the way to 64% accuracy overall. Te-Hina Paopao (11 points) made all three 3-point attempts among four makes overall in the quarter after missing her only shot before halftime.

Sania Feagin (16 points) took charge with 10 in the fourth to maintain South Carolina’s roll as it hit 23 of 31 after halftime (74%) and 38 of 59 overall to sweep Kentucky for its fourth straight series win and 10th of the past 11 meetings. The Gamecocks won the previous meeting 98-36 in Columbia.

“I feel like this was a better performance by us overall as a team,” said Hall, who was 8 of 10 from the field. “We really played together and shared the ball really well and I think we did a good job shooting as well.”

The blowout came three days after they routed Alabama 72-44 on Thursday to clinch a share of the SEC

title and give Staley her 600th career victory.

And every player had at least four points as South Carolina owned nearly every stat in the process at Rupp Arena, home of the No. 17 Kentucky men’s basketball team.

The Gamecocks were 8 of 12 from long range, dominated the paint 52-24 and outscored Kentucky’s bench 42-25. They scored 32 points off 19 Wildcats turnovers.

Fulwiley did her damage from the free throw line by making all 12 attempts. Ashlyn Watkins had 13 points and Chloe Kitts finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Gamecocks, whose balance and depth rang up their sixth 100-point outing this season and first in SEC play.

“The closer we get towards towards the tournament, the more we feel like we’re going to have to prove ourselves,” Watkins said.

Ajae Petty had 16 points and Saniah Tyler 15 for the Wildcats (11-17, 5-9), who shot just 34% after winning their past two games.

Kentucky’s loss spoiled pregame recognition of graduate student Emma King and seniors Nyah Leveretter and Eniya Russell. South Carolina’s Paopao, Cardoso and Sakima Walker were also mentioned.

BIG PICTURE

South Carolina made its first five shots and scored 12 of its first 15 points in the paint to quickly establish offensive flow. They also found each other often, registering 30 assists on 38 baskets. The Gamecocks were even sharper defensively, cutting off every angle to prevent Kentucky from getting any rhythm going other than the third quarter, when the Wildcats made 8 of 17 shots. They also converted 19 of 21 from the line.

Kentucky opened 4 of 17 from the field with seven turnovers to dig a big hole early. An improved second quarter made no difference and the Wild-

cats struggled from the foul line with just 7 of 18 makes.

“I didn’t like our defensive intensity,” coach Kyra Elzy said. “I thought from the very get-go we were flat, which made us press offensively. And, taking care of the ball. We’re going to have to do that better these upcoming games.”

UP NEXT

South Carolina visits Arkansas on Thursday night before hosting Tennessee in its regular season finale on Sunday.

Kentucky hosts Mississippi in its home finale on Thursday night.

Virginia women are 1st unranked ACC team to win in Cards’ arena

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Camryn Taylor scored 9 of her 22 points in the fourth quarter, Kymora Johnson made three free throws in the last 14.6 seconds and Virginia made history with a 73-68 win over No. 20 Louisville on Sunday.

The Cavaliers are the first unranked Atlantic Coast Conference team to win in the KFC Yum! Center since it opened, ending a streak of 56 straight wins for the Cardinals.

Louisville, down 32-26 at halftime, scored 28 points in the third quarter to take a 54-47 lead into the fourth quarter. The Cardinals led 60-51 with 7 ½ minutes to go when Jillian Brown hit a 3-pointer, starting a Virginia 15-1 run. Johnson capped it with a 3-pointer and layup that made it 66-61 with 2:57 remaining.

Jayda Curry pulled Louisville within 68-65 at 1:12. Both teams missed on their next possession before Paris Clark made two free throws for the Cavs with 23 seconds left. Johnson

wrapped it up, making 3 of 4 at the line after Cardinal misses.

Johnson finished with 18 points, for Virginia (14-13, 6-10), which got its third Top 25 win. Clark had 12 points and Brown 11.

Nyla Harris had 17 points and nine rebounds for Louisville (22-7, 11-5). Sydney Taylor had 15 points and Kiki Jefforson added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Virginia used a 14-2 run in the second quarter to build a 32-26 halftime lead. The Cavaliers were down 21-16 when it started but they were up 30-23 after Brown hit a pair of 3-pointers and a layup.

Louisville had an 18-3 run in the third quarter, going up 50-42 on a Curry 3.

Louisville is home on Thursday against Florida State and closes the regular season on Sunday at No. 19 Notre Dame. Virginia goes to Duke on Thursday before playing host to No. 8 Virginia Tech in Sunday’s finale.

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

1 ___ski
6 Worker in stone
11 Pro bono ad
14 Short pause
15 Remotely operated aircraft
16 Georgia's capital: Abbr.
17 Ingredient for success: 2 wds.
19 Never-before-seen
20 Stopped
21 Born and ___
22 Thin battery type
23 Heart singer
24 Black Friday event
26 Delish
28 Allotted, with "out"
31 California's region
33 Picks up the check
34 Backspace
36 Have a conversation
38 Have a meal
39 Marshmallow treat
41 ___ in the wool
43 Confidently state
45 Sharp part of a knife
48 Use a rotary phone
50 Baseball or badminton
52 Geeks
54 Computer programs, for short
56 Drink served with scones
57 Had for breakfast
58 Bring on board
60 Star-related
63 Bit of cricket equipment
64 1977 film set at the fictional Faber College: 2 wds.
66 Fib
67 Prepare to be knighted
68 ___ a high note: 2 wds.
69 Pipe bend shape
70 Orgs.
71 Representative

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1 FBI sting
2 Groomed, as feathers
3 Took back
4 Often-pierced body parts
5 ___-ball (arcade game)
6 Some Drs.
7 Good for farming
8 Tart to the extreme
9 A single time
10 Penniless
11 Country with a canal
12 Erotic
13 Every single time
18 NFL scores
25 Amaze ment
27 Maintenance
29 Left out in pronunciation
30 Refute
32 Tune before lights-out
35 Set up for a golf swing
37 Not as much

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40 Stick out
42 Personal journals
43 The Matterhorn, for one
44 Traitor's crime
45 Make possible
46 Particular
47 Hansel's sister
49 Cave dwellers
51 The "T" in "AGT"

53 "Hang loose" gesture
55 Actor Mineo
59 B&Bs
61 ___ butter
62 Half a bar tool
65 Ice Bucket Challenge condition, for short

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2/27/24

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ACROSS

1 Male deer
5 Org. with Image Awards
10 Group of wolves
14 Angelic ring
15 First Greek letter
16 Baby wipe
17 Word before "Major" or "Minor" in constellation names
18 Engine
19 Front or back yard
20 Do-it-yourselfer's kit: 2 wds.
22 Alternative mag since 1984
24 Useful connections
25 Just wrong: 2 wds.
28 NYC's Plaza, for one
31 "Gotcha!": 2 wds.
35 Eve's grandson
36 Off in the distance
37 Raw linen color
38 Zero, in soccer
39 Barbell exercises
40 Follow
41 Oscar nominations, familiarly
43 "Aha!": 2 wds.
44 Farm enclosure
45 "Can I get a volunteer?": 2 wds.
47 Diminished
48 Cook in a pan
49 Faux ___
50 Way to go
52 Rowdy concert area: 2 wds.
56 Feel sore
59 "Hercules" villain
61 Pixar film set in Mexico
62 Top of a house
63 Some golf clubs
64 Imitate
65 Broadway award
66 Smooth transition
67 Waggers

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1 Closed
2 Poi root
3 To boot
4 Players in front of nets
5 New parent's choices
6 Very much: 2 wds.
7 Right for the occasion
8 Former Chinese leader ___ En-lai
9 Members of a couple
10 Artist's color selection
11 Cherry pie ___ mode
12 Critter that lows
13 Barbie's beau
21 NBC sketch show
23 Neither hide ___ hair
26 "Spare mel": 2 wds.
27 Popular martial art
28 Temporary tattoo medium
29 Veggies with layers
30 "See?!": 2 wds.
31 Worker's reward
32 Bid on a house
33 Entrances
34 Prepared to play

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39 "I'll show you how it's done": 2 wds.
42 Befuddle
44 Game show with a taxi: 2 wds.
46 ___ snail's pace: 2 wds.
47 Used to be
49 Sheriff's group

51 Rabbit relative
52 List of choices
53 Vatican leader
54 Rapper/actor: 2 wds.
55 Gently throw
56 Singer Garfunkel
57 Dove's sound
58 Sweetie
60 Pooch

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2/28/24

Friends get scratch for dog-sitting

Dear Amy: Friends ask us regularly to watch their dog but never offer us any compensation. We are not asking for cash, but a gift card would be nice.

They ask us to do this every year for one week in the summer, and then other periods throughout the year, usually lasting for a few days and sometimes for several days at Christmastime. We live nearby. As former dog owners, we understand the work and time involved in managing dogs for a week.

We also understand the related costs with dog boarding, house sitting, etc. For pet owners, we know these costs can add up.

Reciprocity has been minimal at best (a 12-pack beer, for example). This neighbor is a minimalist who also borrows lots of things from us.

While we don't mind dog-watching, it really bothers us that they don't realize our time is valuable and that a cursory thank you is not enough.

We are friendly with four families on this adjacent street and attend a regular Friday gathering.

We have other neighbors in this same group who gave us a \$100 restaurant gift certificate for doing this. We feel that they "get it."

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

We're looking for the best way to approach the conversation, as we are longtime friends and do not want to affect the relationship. Any ideas?

— Dog Tired

Dear Dog Tired: What you call "minimalist," I call "cheap."

The way to deal with this and also preserve the relationship is to be enthusiastic about your willingness to do this for them and very straightforward about your terms.

Given that you also pet sit for other friends (you're obviously skilled, trustworthy and responsible), why don't you go into business for yourself?

You can register as a pet sitter/walker on a site like Rover.com, set your rate and be compensated consistently.

As you know from your time as a pet owner, reliable sitters are worth their weight in kibble. Having a friend and neighbor provide this service is added value.

Before the next time they come to you to schedule this "favor," put the word out with your Friday friend group that you've registered with a pet care site as a way to continue to do this thing that you enjoy — and to make some extra income.

Offer to send them a link to your page on the site. You can offer them a "Friend and Fido" discount if you're inclined. If they decline to book you — no problem!

Husband's love has hit a wrinkle

Dear Amy: My wife of 40 years is a beautiful woman and always has been. When younger, she turned many heads. To this day (when she wears makeup), she still is quite attractive.

The one caveat is that now that she is in her 70s, she has developed many wrinkles.

She frequently asks me if I think she is looking much older. I would never upset her and so I fib and say "no."

At times she will look at another woman who has lots of wrinkles and ask, "Do I have as many wrinkles as she does?"

I always say "... not even close," although in some instances she does have as many.

Am I right to fib?

I could never see myself saying, "Yes, dear, you have a lot of wrinkles."

I love her, and it truly doesn't matter to me.

Your thoughts?

— Loving Husband

Dear Loving Husband: You write this as though your wife has aged but you have not. You also seem to believe that the

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

aging process, which is both natural and unavoidable, renders people unattractive.

If you have somehow miraculously not aged in these last 40 years, then your position as the Rip Van Winkle in your family gives you the authority to be the wrinkle arbiter.

However, I'm going to assume that you are an average person and that you are showing your years — along with the rest of us.

If so, when your wife expresses her deep insecurities, you might identify with her, rather than behave in a way that is dishonest or disingenuous.

Say to her, "Honey, look at us both. Look at our friends and family members. Take a good look. Every sign of our age means that we are alive. Our lumps and bumps are reminders that we have the privilege of living in our bodies. Our wrinkles are the map of our experiences."

And when your wife brushes off your lofty musings, definitely deliver a kindly fib.

All of this would be much easier — for both of you — if you truly believed your wife was beautiful (as is!), and could say as much with absolute sincerity.

I hope you can.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you have ever considered just checking out for a few days, letting the river flow, and not concerning yourself with the world at large, this may be that day. The little things could give real satisfaction today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be in a hurry. Take this time to work on your plans but consider that things you try to put in motion now could become complicated. Use Right Timing to choose the day of implementation, then be ready.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — People you show favor to now will likely remember. Be extra polite and avoid any confrontations. Put any resentments you might be carrying through some careful thought. Cultivate your inner peace to gain strength.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may have planned for a quiet evening, but some excitement may still occur. If certain people's behavior upsets your routine, it may be best to take it lightly. Don't let them ruffle your feathers now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't let Maslow's saying, "If the only tool you have is a hammer, it is tempting to treat everything as if it were a nail" apply to you at this time. Rather than acting blindly or habitually, consider exploring new options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You might be feeling that the people around you are less helpful, cooperative, or open-minded than usual. They still are probably doing their best to handle things. Be a leader and try to respond rather than to react.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Organizational structures are usually there for a reason and it's likely a good time to observe your place in them. Things you may think are important should probably be run up the flagpole and might create a better opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Relationships are complicated at the best of times but may get extra troublesome at this time. Trying to make changes now could be seen as a traumatic upheaval. Don't apply more pressure until things feel more stable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It might feel like there's too much noise and confusion, or that somebody could be watching and waiting for you to make a mistake. Ask yourself if you might be over-inflating phantom fears or anxieties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Texts allow for little nuance, and that could apply to the people you're trying to deal with too. Shades of gray or a rainbow probably won't be an option; if they are too rigid, they may see everything as black or white.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Doing things with your money beyond keeping yourself housed and fed may be a bad idea now. Someone might try to siphon away all they can find. Use caution now, better opportunities can come later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may find that there are a few people who aren't satisfied with anything. You might magnetize more of these types than usual now if you are in bad personal cycles. It's not personal, even if it feels that way.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone might hurl wild requests and demands, and if you get overwhelmed you might just agree to things simply to get them to quiet down. Stay grounded and calm and make no promises you won't be able to keep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Try not to be shy when a decision needs to be made. Your good humor might not be appreciated by some people when they are on edge or mired in red tape. Waiting becomes easier with plenty of practice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — What works best in one situation may not be the answer in other places and other times. Assess the best move all things considered before you act. Be ready when the door to opportunity opens once again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The thing rule-makers seldom explain is that there are times when the rules won't apply or must be amended. Understand the principles behind the rules so you'll know when to bend them and when they must be followed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Things could seem a bit rocky, but helpful people may well be watching your performance. Demonstrate your abilities and value. If you remain diligent, you should receive real appreciation when the time is right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Maintaining your emotional and spiritual health is sometimes a challenge. Protect your inner wellbeing by staying in your own lane instead of becoming entangled. Don't take any random nonsense personally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — When no one budes from their position, discussions stop being constructive. Instead of letting things devolve into a sparring match, find a graceful way to move to another subject until the temperature drops.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may have thought you spoke clearly. Apparently, so did others, but somehow no one agrees on what was meant. Do your best to explain your position until they understand what you meant to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Protect the secrets entrusted to you. Telling some truths can only end up hurting someone you love. Weigh your revelations carefully and don't talk out of school. Protect others the way you'd like to be protected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Comment threads can be fun, cruel, or irrelevant, but they may come from people who cannot do what you could. If you must read them, ignore the mean ones, and don't take flattering ones too seriously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — If it seems like people are throwing rocks in your path, they may not be concerned about your progress, only their own agendas. It's not likely intentional or malicious. Try to keep yourself on the smoothest path forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Forms and paperwork are things that people find most difficult to do and keep up with, no one really loves plowing through all that. Be meticulous on every line of every form so that no one has a reason to dig.

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: RIVER TOWN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 3/15/2024 at 10:00 am, at 305 E Clifty Dr. Madison, IN 47250. RIVER TOWN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 2010 Honda Accord 1HGCP3F80AA021578 \$2465.00 2003 Coachman Shasta 1TC2B482531204294 \$2315.00 2001 Honda Accord 1HGCG31571A028587 \$2315.00

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LEPC 2024 Legal Notice Template (Public Notice)
The Jefferson County Emergency Planning Committee will hold its meetings for the year 2024 at 620 Green Rd Madison, IN 47250 PM at 6:00p.m. on the following dates: Feb 8th, March 14th April 11th, June 13th, August 8th, Oct 10th and Dec 12th other times as shall be duly authorized by act of the Committee or its Chairman. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
The Jefferson County Emergency Plan for Hazardous Materials Incidents may be reviewed during regular business hours at the office of Jefferson County Emergency Management 8:00am to 3:00p.m., Madison, IN. All information filed by covered SARA Title III facilities in Jefferson County may be reviewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Jefferson County Emergency Management 8:00am to 3:00p.m., Madison, IN. Copies of documents may be obtained at these offices, and the Committee may charge a fee for copying. For further information on these matters please contact Matt True, Chairman, at (812)265-7616.

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rebounds for the Panthers. Houston had 18 points and eight rebounds, Sater scored 11 points and Avery Saunders had 10 points and seven rebounds. Hanover ends the season with an 18-10 record.

WOMEN FALL TO MOUNT IN HCAC SEMIS

Hanover women's basketball lost 69-57 to Mount St. Joseph in the HCAC tour-

ney semifinals Friday in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Panthers fell behind 20-12 after the first quarter and still trailed by 17 (54-37) heading into the fourth quarter before making a mini-comeback. Sammy Berman led Hanover with 15 points, Taylor Heath scored 14 points and Kyla Lawson had eight points.

Hanover ends the season with an 18-8 record.

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2402-EU-000013
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF JEFFERSON D. RUCKER JR., DECEASED.
DEVON M. SHARPE, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFERSON D. RUCKER JR., DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Susan Stephens was, on the 13 day of February, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Jefferson D. Rucker Jr., deceased, who died on the 7th day of January, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this February 13, 2024.

/s/Tabatha Eblen

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2402-EU-000015
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF CARL W. RAISOR, DECEASED.
DEVON M. SHARPE, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL W. RAISOR, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Laura Gardner was, on the 20th day of February, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Carl W. Raisor, deceased, who died on the 10th day of January, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 20th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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EMPLOYMENT

Town of Hanover is currently accepting applications for full-time/part-time Park Maintenance. Applications are available at Hanover Town Hall, 11 North Madison Avenue, Hanover, IN from 8am to 4pm. Deadline is March 4th.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2402-EU-000016
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MELVIN VESTAL, DECEASED.
DEVON M. SHARPE, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELVIN VESTAL, DECEASED.

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Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 20th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen

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Suarez takes aim on NASCAR Cup Series championship run

BY CHARLES ODUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Daniel Suarez knows he will return to Atlanta Motor Speedway as a playoff contender on Sept. 8.

Suarez also can count on retaining his spot on Trackhouse Racing's team when the NASCAR Cup Series makes its 2025 stops in Atlanta. The popular driver from Monterey, Mexico, ended speculation about his future with the team by winning Sunday's Cup race in a memorable three-wide finish.

It was only the second career win in 253 Cup races for Suarez and the first since June 2022 at Sonoma. A winless 2023 raised speculation about the future for Suarez entering his 2024 contract year with Trackhouse Racing. Co-owner Justin Marks insisted Sunday he never saw this season as an audition for

the driver.

"On the hot seat? He just didn't have the year that he wanted last year," Marks said. "But we know that he can get it done, and he's a guy that can get it done. I don't envision necessarily a situation where Daniel is not a driver for Trackhouse Racing."

Suarez scoffed at suggestions he should be relieved to know he secured his spot in the playoff field in only the second race of the season or that he may no longer have to worry about his future with Trackhouse.

Instead, Suarez emphasized the goal of winning more than one race and competing for a championship. Atlanta will host the opening race of the playoff schedule.

Bolstered by the addition of new crew chief Max Swiderski, Suarez says it's time to win more races and forget

about contract talk that continued after he signed a one-year extension in 2023.

"I never felt like I was in the hot seat," Suarez said. "A lot of people were talking about it. ... I knew that last year wasn't the year that I really wanted. ... We worked hard, but we were not efficient. We were missing something. We were not firing on all eight cylinders."

Suarez said even before Sunday's win he could sense a change in the team's direction. He finished only 34th in the season-opening Daytona 500 but led two laps.

Suarez finished strong in his Chevrolet to narrowly beat Ryan Blaney and Kyle Busch in the closest finish in Atlanta history and the third-closest finish in any Cup Series race with electronic scoring since 1993.

Suarez said he has been saying "I can feel the team strong,

I can feel the communication, the preparation, everything that we have." He said Swiderski "has done a hell of a job helping me to build a strong team, and I can feel it. I can feel it."

Swiderski's skills were put to the test when Suarez was part of a massive pileup of at least 16 cars at the start of the second lap. Swiderski said "the tape started flying" as short-term fixes were made to the hood of the Chevrolet on pit row.

"We had to get some more pictures of it and come up with another plan and had to work on it again," Swiderski said, referring to the end of the stage. "Everybody kept their heads in it and stayed calm. We were able to get the car back to where we felt we were pretty decent and could be competitive."

The "pretty decent" version of the No. 99 was good enough

on a day all but a handful of cars were impacted by at least one wreck. Now comes next Sunday's race at Las Vegas, where Suarez will have his opportunity to prove he can compete for a championship this season.

"The goal for me personally has never been to win a race a year, to win two races a year," Suarez said. "The goal is bigger than that. I knew that to be able to get that, we needed to do something."

"I feel that right now we are slowly making steps in the direction of where I want to be, where I want to go with this race team, that I want to accomplish to be able to win several races a year, to be able to be strong in the playoffs, not just to make the playoffs but to be strong in the playoffs and to be able to have a real shot for the championship."

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Inflation’s lower. The job market’s better. So why all the economic uncertainty?

By **KAVITA KUMAR**
Star Tribune (TNS)

When Neel Kashkari first joined the Federal Reserve eight years ago, he quickly gained a reputation of being a frequent dissenter who often opposed raising rates.

These days, the president of the Minneapolis Fed has found himself in the opposite position: mostly agreeing with the rest of the rate-setting committee.

He fully participates in every meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, but only has a vote on it every few years. Last year when he was a voting member, Kashkari didn’t object once to hiking rates or holding them steady as part of the Fed’s war on inflation. More recently, he’s also seen eye-to-eye with other policymakers on being patient and waiting awhile longer before they start cutting rates.

Kashkari answered far-reaching questions about the economy, edited here for length and clarity.

Q: First, how are lasagna prices these days? (A tray of frozen lasagna he often buys for his family has become one of his unofficial inflation gauges.)

A: The interesting thing is, I saw it in Lunds maybe a month or two ago. Before the pandemic, it was about \$16. And then it went up to around \$21. And it was still \$21. But they had a sale – \$5 off. So it was back down to \$16. So I bought two.

Q: Any other observations from the grocery store about inflation or supply chains?

A: The shelves are usually full now. I think supply chains are mostly back to normal. We see that in the data. I see that in real life. But what people are experiencing is, by and large, prices aren’t coming down. They’ve just stopped rising. We say, ‘Hey, we’re winning over on inflation because inflation is coming back down.’ But people aren’t happy because prices are still high generally speaking.

Q: The inflation data looks pretty good right now. How confident are you that the war on inflation is almost over?

A: It’s definitely going in our direction. I think we’re all reluctant to declare victory prematurely. I wish I could say, ‘We did a great job and that’s why inflation has come down.’ I think we’ve played an important role. But I think mostly it’s been supply [chains healing]. So in a sense, the inflation rates were



Glen Stubbe / Minneapolis Star Tribune / TNS

Neel Kashkari, here in a 2015 file image, is president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

transitory, just a lot longer than we anticipated.

Q: Why didn’t higher interest rates cool off the economy very much?

A: I do think it’s happened somewhat, but I think this goes back to the notion of a neutral interest rate. There are dynamics when the economy is recovering from a downturn, in this case the COVID downturn, when all of a sudden the neutral rate can go up. If there’s all this pent-up demand, it’s possible that that neutral rate has just soared in the short run. The big question is, where’s it going to settle in the long run once we get through this reopening period? That’s a big macroeconomic debate people are having. Are we going to go back to a low-rate environment that existed for a decade before, or are we going to something different? And I’ve heard really good arguments both ways. Nobody knows for sure.

Q: What gives you the most pause about inflation now?

A: We weren’t able to diagnose the high inflation when it hit us. And then we didn’t do a very good job of diagnosing why it stayed high for as long as it did. And now, we’ve been surprised at how quickly it’s come down in the past six months. There’s so much about this economy that is hard to have confidence in. It makes me reluctant to be too definitive in saying anything right now.

Q: Is there anything in particular you’re waiting to see before you say, ‘OK, now we can lower rates?’

A: A few things. One we want to have, and this is what Chairman [Jerome] Powell has said. It’s not that we need to see better inflation data. We just want to see more data, which is also good data, until we’re really confident we’re going get back

to 2 percent. So on the inflation front, let’s just get a little bit further away before we start lowering rates. Because financial markets are so prone to exuberance. The moment we give a hint, they run off to excesses. And so if we even say, ‘Well, we’re going to cut 25 basis points,’ they’re going to say, ‘Hallelujah, they’re going to extrapolate it far beyond what we intend.’ And so I think we’re all saying, ‘Let’s be really sure before we make that first cut.’

Q: Why did labor supply bounce back so much? Initially there was a lot of uncertainty if workers who left the labor market during the pandemic would ever return.

A: We don’t know fully. Immigration is definitely playing a role. But I also think it’s just Americans want to work. And maybe it’s the inflation, that people are saying, ‘Oh my gosh, prices are going up, I need to work just to try to keep my head above water.’ Some of those retirees, maybe they went back to work part-time. Maybe remote work opened some possibilities for some folks. Maybe all of the above.

Q: What’s been the biggest surprise for you about the economy?

A: Just the resilience – GDP (gross domestic product) continuing to put up great numbers. And by the way, people wanting to spend.

Q: Does the labor shortage seem to be getting better?

A: Businesses say it’s still tight. They still have to work hard to find the workers they need, but it’s much better than it was a year or two ago. The unemployment rate is still low and wages are still growing attractively from a worker’s perspective. And then you have the structural issue that this whole region does not have enough workers over the long term.

So you haven’t been sticking to your resolutions? Here’s how to reset and crush the rest of the year

Nearly 9 in 10 Americans (86 percent) had at least one financial goal going into 2024, according to a recent Bankrate survey. But having a goal and being able to take steps to achieve it are two different things. If you’re one of the millions of people who set New Year’s resolutions every year, especially financial ones, you’re likely familiar with this hamster wheel. You have high hopes in December of making positive changes to your life as soon as the clock strikes midnight, but by the end of January, things have gone awry.

If that sounds familiar, don’t worry – here’s how to make a strong comeback.

Set SMART goals

Maybe you’ve heard about this goal-setting technique, but it’s always a good time for a refresher. SMART goals can ease the process of creating a successful 2024 roadmap.

What is a SMART goal? Rather than having something vague like “save more money” or “read more,” a SMART goal helps you create a path to success.

SMART goals

■ **Specific:** What are you saving money for – an emergency fund? A vacation? A down payment? All of the above? Be specific about why you want to achieve your goal.

■ **Measurable:** How much do you want to save? A total amount, like \$10,000? Or maybe a fixed amount per month, like \$100? Put real numbers on your goal so you know where to aim.

■ **Achievable:** Thinking about your life, are you actually able to achieve this goal? We all want to save as much as possible, but we need to set goals within our limits. Otherwise, we’re just setting ourselves up for failure. Does your savings goal fit within your budget?

■ **Relevant:** How important is your savings goal? Will it improve your life in a way you’ve previously found lacking? Does it fit in with your long-term picture, or are you simply doing it because you think you should?

■ **Timebound:** Give yourself a deadline. When do you want to reach your savings goal? Without a deadline, it’s too easy to weasel out of it. A deadline helps you make a commitment.

Here’s what a SMART resolution to save more money might look like: Save \$100 per month so that by this time next year, you’ll have \$1,200 set aside for emergencies to protect your family. To fortify your plan, you can even set up automatic savings transfers with your bank each month.

Give yourself permission to fail (at least temporarily)

It’s all too easy to focus on your failures and toss the whole thing out the window the first full week you don’t follow through with your goal. Instead, try something different: Give yourself permission to fail, at least for a bit. Expect that you will. Embrace it as part of the process.

And then, give yourself permission to get started again. No matter how many times it takes, give yourself grace so that it’s easier to start again rather than being a source of shame and avoidance. Celebrate getting back on the wagon (again ... and again ... and again, if necessary) just as much as you celebrated your goal at the start of the new year.

Over time, you’ll probably find that each time you restart, you’ll be able to go just a little bit longer each time – until eventually, you’re able to keep up your new habit for good. After all, a 2016 study from the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit showed that it actually takes most smokers 30 or more attempts to quit before finally becoming successful. If you stop trying to pursue your goal after a small failure, you may never get there.

Assess what isn’t working

When we create goals, we set them with the best information we have at the time. But sometimes, we don’t have the full picture.

Maybe you want to get healthier, but an undiagnosed medical condition is preventing that. Other times, we might be a bit too ambitious. It’s hard to figure out a good amount to save if you haven’t set up a budget. Or – more commonly – things change, and what used to be attainable no longer is. Maybe you wanted to take a luxurious vacation, but inflation’s hit your wallet so hard that you’re no longer able to save toward this goal.

In any case, if you find that you’re coming up short in reaching your goals consistently, it’s a good idea to step back and try to diagnose why.

Do you find it hard to stick to your budget because you don’t want to log in

and update it? If so, what’s behind that fear – are you afraid you won’t have enough money, or that you’re never able to reconcile your balances with your budget? Maybe it’s not fear at all and you just find the updates tedious. In that case, something like a budgeting app that updates automatically might help you better manage your goals.

Keep in mind: Figuring out why your goal isn’t working lets you identify areas that you can smooth out so that it does work going forward.

Adjust your goals if needed

If you’ve failed several times, figured out why it’s not working, and can’t figure out a good way to fix it, an update to your goal might be in order. The same applies if your situation suddenly changes and your goal isn’t achievable anymore.

Think about what you wanted to achieve – saving more money for a vacation, learning to budget, increasing your income, etc. – and figure out how you can change your goal so that you still reach your ultimate objective.

Ideas to adjust your goals

■ **Scale it back:** Instead of saving \$200 per month, maybe all you can do is \$100 or even just \$10 – but that’s still progress. If you can’t get a raise at work, consider taking on a side hustle.

■ **Adjust your timeline:** If you’d hoped to save \$4,000 for a European vacation by next year, maybe postponing your trip for another year so you can keep saving is a viable option. If your goal was to pay down your debt in a year, give yourself two years to do it.

Adjust your strategies

Your goals are what you’re trying to achieve, but your strategies are how you get there. And if your strategies aren’t working, they may also need an update of their own.

Ideas to adjust your strategies

■ **Create a budget:** Without a plan for your money, it’s hard to reach your goals, whether it’s to spend less money or save for a certain goal. There are budgeting styles that can fit almost any lifestyle.

■ **Create a schedule:** If your goal is time-based, like wanting to spend more time with family or more time exercising, try creating a schedule with time blocked off specifically for that goal.

■ **Use a to-do list app:** To-do list apps like Todoist and Microsoft To Do can help you by setting up recurring reminders for you according to specific time frames, like every day or every other Thursday.

■ **Use a habit tracker app:** Similar to a to-do list app, habit-tracking apps like Habitica and Beeminder allow you to gamify and track your progress toward one or more goals at a time.

■ **Find a support group:** Tough goals, like boosting your health or getting out of debt, are sometimes easier to achieve if you meet with a support network of friends going through the same challenges as you on a regular basis.

Remember to appreciate your progress

Along the same lines as giving yourself permission to fail, it’s also important to appreciate any progress you make. Maybe you didn’t reach your goal of 52 hikes in a year, but even if you only made it to five hikes, that’s still five fun experiences you got to go on.

You can also try setting up rewards along the way to help motivate you and make you appreciate the small steps you’re taking toward your larger goal. For example, for every week that you go while spending less time on social media, you could reward yourself with something else you like, such as a fun book or video game.

And if you’re still having trouble reaching your SMART goals? Don’t be afraid to ask for outside advice. A professional nutritionist or personal trainer can help you become healthier, while an accredited financial advisor or a licensed credit counselor can help you get a better grasp of your finances.

Key takeaways

■ New Year’s resolutions can be hard to stick to, no matter how well-intentioned you are about your new goals.

■ If your resolutions have fallen by the wayside, you might benefit from reevaluating your strategy and setting more specific goals. Following the SMART goal strategy can help you turn your resolution into actionable items – just don’t forget to give yourself grace as you make mistakes and figure out what method works best for you.

– Lindsay VanSomeran / Bankrate.com (TNS)

Bitcoin’s streak of weekly gains puts record high in sight if history right

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A year ago the crypto market was on its knees and the notion that Bitcoin might retest a record high of nearly \$69,000 was almost risible. Fast forward 12 months and some studies now point to just that possibility.

Technical analysis comparing the largest digital asset’s rally to \$52,000 with past surges spits out projections of more gains in coming weeks. Some of those studies follow below – with the caveat that the past isn’t always a reliable guide to the future, especially for a young and febrile asset like Bitcoin.

Weekly advance

Bitcoin’s price has tripled since the start of 2023 amid optimism over dedicated US exchange-traded funds as well as a looming reduction in the token’s supply growth known as the halving. The rally includes four straight weeks of increases through Feb. 18. In the past five years, the original cryptocurrency climbed an average 49 percent over the three months after four-week winning runs, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. That would take Bitcoin to about \$78,000.



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Bitcoin tokens are symbolic since the cryptocurrency itself really exists only digitally.

“The market set-up for Bitcoin remains very strong,” said Richard Galvin, founder of crypto-focused investment firm DACM.

Bumpy road

Elliott Wave studies posit that markets are prone to repeating wave patterns. Applying the technique to Bitcoin suggests a retreat toward the \$40,000 level before an advance to about \$70,000. That compares with Bitcoin’s all-time peak of \$68,992 in November 2021, when the world was awash with stimulus.

Derivatives market

Speculators use options contracts for a variety of trading approaches. Data from Derib-

it, the largest crypto options exchange, show that Bitcoin call spreads are among the most popular strategies currently. This suggests investors see potential for more Bitcoin gains, but not necessarily substantial increases. A bull call spread involves buying a call option, funded in part by simultaneously selling a contract of the same maturity at a higher strike price.

The options market as whole “is currently pricing the probability of making a new all-time high before halving at around 20 percent to 25 percent, an estimate that looks approximately fair to us,” said Caroline Maunon, co-founder of digital-asset derivatives liquidity provider Orbit Markets.

TECHNOLOGY

2024's
best

smart soundbars

By CNET
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A good soundbar will enhance the sound profile of your TV and consolidate the number of boxes on your TV cabinet. Voice assistants, music streaming and even video streaming

are features you can expect from the best soundbars out there. Soundbars of good quality don't cost an arm and a leg anymore, either, with prices starting at about \$130.

It's worth noting that there are considerable differences between a smart soundbar and a

smart TV. Smart TVs come with onboard streaming apps. On the other hand, a smart soundbar usually means the speaker has an onboard voice assistant – usually either Google Assistant or Amazon Alexa. The main exceptions here are the Roku Streambar and Streambar Pro

(previously the Smart Soundbar), which do have streaming apps and an optional always-on assistant.

Of course, all soundbars work with most TVs, regardless of whether either device is smart or not. But if you're looking for an all-in-one streaming speaker

and voice assistant, we hereby offer three of the best models CNET has tested.

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Roku Streambar

Best smart soundbar

CNET TAKE: The compact Roku Streambar plugs into your TV's HDMI ARC port and works as both a 4K streamer and a soundbar. We've found the Streambar easy to set up, and it sounds good for the size, particularly with dialogue.

To make the soundbar truly smart, the \$30 Voice Remote Pro adds an always-on voice assistant that's handy for finding new shows, and even the remote itself.

- PROS:**
- Compact and easy to set up
 - Affordable
 - Excellent dialogue reproduction
 - Tried-and-true Roku experience
- CONS:**
- Lacks bass in movies and music



Yamaha YAS-209

Best smart soundbar and sub combo

CNET TAKE: The Yamaha YAS-209 offers excellent sound quality in a compact soundbar with Amazon Alexa voice control built-in. The mics work well in loud environments and you can use them when you're streaming music. The soundbar offers DTS Virtual:X surround sound processing and a wireless subwoofer. The YAS-209 doesn't use the company's MusicCast system,

though, so you can't sync up with other Yamaha speakers. It's currently on sale for \$159.

- PROS:**
- Excellent sound in a compact size
 - Amazon Alexa onboard
 - DTS Virtual:X
 - Articulate subwoofer
- CONS:**
- No onscreen display



Sonos Arc

Best single bar with Dolby Atmos

CNET TAKE: The Sonos Arc is the grown-up version of Sonos' Beam and offers a number of upgrades for the extra cash.

The first is the use of dedicated, upfiring Dolby Atmos speakers, which gives it an edge in movies, and the second is more drivers and a bigger cabinet for better bass performance.

Otherwise this is another great Sonos offering with the choice of voice assistants and the best music streaming ecosystem.

- PROS:**
- Excellent sound for everything from Dolby Atmos movies to jazz piano
 - All-in-one unit doesn't need a subwoofer
 - Feature-packed including voice assistant and multiroom music
- CONS:**
- Single HDMI eARC port limits Atmos
 - More expensive than other single-bar competitors
 - No Bluetooth streaming

Keeping a tire inflator in your car can save the day

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A few weeks ago, I wrote a column about being prepared for auto-related problems. I wrote about a portable jump starter I used to help a friend start her car one cold afternoon.

I received some nice messages thanking me for the suggestion.

A few people mentioned I should have included information to help motorists with low or flat tires.

One reader wrote, "I am wondering if you have any advice for new cars that don't come with spare tires. The only answers seem to be to get a tire inflator kit or buy an aftermarket compact spare tire. No one I know has a good answer for the no spare tire issue."

Another said, "I just got an AirMoto and two days later needed to use it to get my car to the shop. It worked perfectly."

The AirMoto inflator is available for \$79.99 from Amazon. It is a small, battery-powered inflator that looks more like a battery to charge a phone, but it can inflate a car tire in about eight minutes.

Reviewers on Amazon noted filling a flat car tire pretty much drained the battery, so don't expect to use it all day on a charge.

You can charge it from a USB-C port, either in your car with the correct adapter, or at home.

A low-tire light on your dash likely means one or more tires are simply low on air, and the AirMoto is perfect for that situation.

I personally have a Ryobi inflator that looks like a cordless drill. I have Ryobi cordless tools, so I have several Ryobi batteries, and I keep the inflator and a battery in my car at all times.

I find I use it several times per year, including assisting others. There are also inflators that are

powered through the 12v accessory port in your vehicle. The 12v port used to be called the cigarette lighter, but now we just use those to power our gadgets.

If you'd like to look at corded inflators, you can search Amazon for the Viair 85P, which is a 10-foot power cord and can inflate a tire in less than three minutes.

If your car didn't come with a spare, like my wife's Mini Cooper, you can look for a compatible spare, if you have room to store it. The dealer can help you pick the right size donut spare to buy, or if there are similar models that do have spares, you might check a salvage yard. Many wrecked cars in salvage yards still have their spare tires.

Remember, cars without spares don't come with a jack, so you'll need to buy and store an appropriate jack and lug nut wrench.

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The AirMoto portable inflator comes with several attachments to inflate all your tires and even inflatable mattresses and toys.

Copilot and Opera pages showing the incorporation of AI technology are displayed in London on Feb. 13. The rise of generative AI chatbots is giving people new and different ways to look up information.

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Ready to go beyond Google?

Here's how to use new generative AI search sites

By **KELVIN CHAN**
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It's not just you. A lot of people think Google searches are getting worse. And the rise of generative AI chatbots is giving people new and different ways to look up information.

While Google has been the one-stop shop for decades – after all, we commonly call searches “googling” – its longtime dominance has attracted a flood of sponsored or spammy links and junk content fueled by “search engine optimization” techniques. That pushes down genuinely useful results.

A recent study by German researchers suggests the quality of results from Google, Bing and DuckDuckGo is indeed declining. Google says its results are of significantly better quality than its rivals, citing measurements by third parties.

Now, chatbots powered by generative artificial intelligence, including from Google itself, are poised to shake up how search works. But they have their own issues: Because the tech is so new, there are concerns about AI chatbots’ accuracy and reliability.

If you want to try the AI way, here’s a how-to:

Where do I find AI search tools?

Google users don’t have to look far. The company last year launched its own AI chatbot assistant, known as Bard, but recently retired that name and replaced it with a similar service, Gemini.

Bard users are now redirected to the Gemini site, which can be accessed directly on desktop or mobile browsers.

The Gemini app also launched in the U.S. this month and is rolling out in Japanese, Korean and English globally – except in Britain, Switzerland and Europe – according to an update notice, which hints

that more countries and languages will be “coming soon.”

Google also has been testing out a new search offering, dubbed “Search Generative Experience” that replaces links with an AI-generated snapshot of key info. But it’s limited to U.S. users signing up through its experimental Labs site.

Microsoft’s Bing search engine has provided generative AI searches powered by OpenAI’s ChatGPT technology for about a year, first under the name Bing Chat, now rebranded as Copilot.

On the Bing search home page, click the Chat or Copilot button underneath the search window and you’ll get a conversational interface where you type your question. There’s also a Copilot app.

A slew of startup AI search sites have emerged, but they aren’t as easy to find. A standard Google search isn’t that helpful, but searches on Copilot and Bard turned up a number of names, including Perplexity, HuggingChat, You.com, Komo, Andi, Phind, Exa and AskAI.

Do I have to sign up or pay for them?

Most of these services have free versions. They typically limit how many queries you can make but offer premium levels that provide smarter AI and more features.

Gemini users, for example, can pay \$20 for the advanced version, which comes with access to its “most capable” model, Ultra 1.0.

Gemini users need to be signed in to their Google accounts and be at least 13 years old – 18 in Europe or Canada. Copilot users don’t have to sign in to a Microsoft account and can access the service through Bing search or Copilot home pages.

Startup sites are largely free to use and don’t require setting up an account. Many also have premium levels.

How do I do an AI search?

Rather than typing in a string of keywords, AI queries should be conversational – for example, “Is Taylor Swift the most successful female musician?” or “Where are some good places to travel in Europe this summer?”

Perplexity advises using “everyday, natural language.” Phind says it’s best to ask “full and detailed questions” that start with, say, “what is” or “how to.”

If you’re not satisfied with an answer, some sites let you ask follow-up questions to zero in on the information needed. Some give suggested or related questions.

Microsoft’s Copilot lets you choose three different chat styles: creative, balanced or precise.

What are the results like?

Unlike Google search results that throw up a list of links, including sponsored ones, AI chatbots spit out a readable summary of the information, sometimes with a few key links as footnotes. The answers will vary – sometimes widely – depending on the site.

They can shine when you’re searching for an obscure factoid, such as, say, a detail about a European Union policy.

Answers from Phind.com were among the most readable and consistently were provided in a narrative form. But the site has mysteriously gone offline at some points.

Testing a simple query – what’s the average temperature in London for the second half of February? – produced a similar range of results on most sites: 7-9 degrees Celsius (45-48 Fahrenheit).

Andi strangely provided current weather conditions for New York, though it used the correct city during another try later.

Another search – the names and tenures of the CEOs of British luxury car maker Aston Martin – is the kind of info available online but needs some work to piece together.

Most sites came up with names from the past decade or two. AskAI provided a list dating to 1947, along with its top three “authoritative sources,” but without links.

What are the downsides?

While chatbots may sound authoritative because they produce answers that seem like they’re written by a confident human, they’re not always correct. AI chatbots have been known for providing deceptively convincing responses, dubbed “hallucinations.” HuggingChat warns, “Generated content may be inaccurate or false” and Gemini says it could “display inaccurate info, including about people.”

These AI systems scan vast pools of information culled from the web, known as large language models, and then use algorithms to come up with coherent answers, but not all reveal how they arrived at their responses.

Some AI chatbots disclose the models that their algorithms have been trained on. Others provide few or no details. The best advice is to try more than one and compare the results, and always double-check sources.

For example, at one point Komo insisted Canada’s population in 1991 was about 1 million people and stood by this wrong number even after I followed up to ask if it was sure. It cited a Wikipedia page, which revealed the figure came from a table for the country’s indigenous population. It found the correct number when I tried again later.

Is there a tech challenge you need help figuring out? Write to us at onetechtip@ap.org with your questions.

TECH REVIEW

Dangbei Atom projector is bright, sharp and easy to carry

By **JIM ROSSMAN**
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I’ve reviewed more than a few projectors, and I’ve discovered they are not a “one size fits all” kind of gadget.

Unlike flat screen TVs, which all basically look alike, projectors vary in size and features, and before you buy one, you need to ask yourself some questions about your needs.

Is the projector going to be mounted permanently in a home theater? Do you need one for meetings at the office? Perhaps you travel a lot for work and need a projector that’s easy to pack in a briefcase.

Today I’m reviewing the Dangbei Atom smart home projector (\$899 from dangbei.com or Amazon).

This is the third projector I’ve reviewed from Dangbei, and it is the first one I’d be happy to pack up and hit the road.

The Atom is on the small side, as far as projectors go, and it uses laser light, so the image is bright, even during the day in rooms with windows.

Specs

The Atom measures 7.6 inches by 7.6 inches by 1.87 inches and it weighs just 2.82 pounds, so



The Atom Google TV Laser Projector.

it’s small enough to easily carry in your bag. Just note, the power brick is external and adds some extra weight in your bag.

The ALPD laser projection system supports HDR10 and HLG. The output brightness is 1,200 ISO lumens. The laser has an estimated lifespan of 30,000 hours. The resolution is 1080P.

The image size varies, depending on how far you are from the screen. The recommended image size is 100 inches, but it can go larger. The projector needs to sit about 9 feet from the screen for a 100-inch image.

The Atom has auto focus, which works well. The projector will automatically focus itself when you power it on, and it also knows if

you’ve moved it and will refocus every time.

There is also an advanced focus button on the remote that allows you to tweak the focus, which is occasionally necessary.

The Atom has auto keystone correction, intelligent screen fit and obstacle avoidance. This means if you aim the image at a screen with obvious borders, it will try to automatically fit the image to the screen.

The projector has two 5-watt speakers with Dolby Audio, and the sound is impressive for such a small enclosure. If you need more sound, or want to tie it into a home theater system, there is a headphone jack you can use to output the audio.

The only other outputs on the back are one HDMI, and one USB, which can be used to display photos or videos from a flash drive. There is only one button on the Atom, to turn it on. Any interaction with the projector is done via remote control. Note, the remote needs two AAA batteries, and they are not included in the box.

There is a tripod socket on the bottom if you want to mount the projector or place it on a stand. The Atom does not have any built-in way to adjust the viewing angle, like adjustable feet. I’d invest in a small tripod to make projector placement easier.

Operating system

The Atom works with the Google TV Smart operating system. Once you connect the Atom to your home’s Wi-Fi network, you can log into your Google account and load virtually any streaming app you’d need.

The projector is Netflix-certified, and the Netflix experience is a smooth and fast one. Other apps include Amazon Prime, Hulu, Disney+, YouTube, DirecTV Stream, Max, Paramount+ and hundreds more. Google also features more than 700,000 movies and TV shows.

The Atom also has Google

Chromecast built in, so wireless projecting from your computer or phone is simple, as long as your devices are all on the same Wi-Fi network.

The Google TV experience was a good one, but not all the apps were as responsive as Netflix.

For example, I loaded DirecTV Stream, and there was a slight in changing channels or scrolling the guide. Not terrible, but a bit annoying.

In use

The Dangbei Atom is super simple to set up and use. Once you have it positioned, it focuses and adjusts the screen and you’re ready to go.

I used it to mirror my laptop and iPad, as well as streaming video from apps in the Google TV operating system, and the image is bright and sharp.

The internal fan was barely audible unless I put my ear right up to the projector, and I could feel some heat being forced out of the vent in back, but it was not excessive.

I think the Atom is a bargain. It has a nice combination of size, brightness, ease of use and tons of content.

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